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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Malone Robert A

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

07/23/2009

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

Other

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION, Â 701 MARKET ST.

(Street)

(Check all applicable) 10% Owner _X_ Director

(give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63101

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Officer

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form: Direct (D)

(Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

0

Â D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of Shares

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Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Malone Robert A

C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION 701 MARKET ST.

X Â Â

ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63101

Signatures

/s/ Robert A. Malone

07/23/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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