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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANCE COMMISSION						OMB APPROVAL			
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(Print or Type Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting F LENTZ HENRY E	l I				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
PEABODY ENER				ORP	[BTU]	(Check	eck all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (M		3. Date of Earliest Transaction							
(Month/Day/Year) LAZARD FRERES & CO. LLC, 30 12/09/2010 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA					_X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below)				
(Street)	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
Filed(Mont			ar)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
NEW YORK, NY 10020						_A_Form filed by M Form filed by M Person			
					-	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	•	
1. Title of Security2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)3.(Instr. 3)Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)Transact Code (Month/Day/Year)			, 			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
		Code V	Amount	(A) or nount (D) Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common 12/09/2010 Stock		М	4,331	A	\$ 10.9166	17,092	D		
Common 12/09/2010 Stock		М	4,525	А	\$ 11.965	5 21,617	D		
Common 12/09/2010 Stock		S	8,856	D	\$ 61.58 (1)	12,761	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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. H Dei Sec (In:
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.9166	12/09/2010		М	4,331	<u>(2)</u>	04/21/2014	Common Stock	4,331	
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.965	12/09/2010		М	4,525	(5)	05/06/2014	Common Stock	4,525	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LENTZ HENRY E LAZARD FRERES & CO. LLC 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10020	Х						
Signatures							
Henry E. Lentz By: Kenneth L. W Attorney-in-Fact	agner		12	2/13/2010			
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting P	erson			Date			

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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This represents the weighted average sale price for the shares. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$61.58
(1) to \$61.59 per share, inclusive. The reporting person will provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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- (2) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning April 21, 2005.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Does not include director stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.
- (5) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning May 6, 2005.

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