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# FORM 4

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Ford Eric

Symbol

PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

Issuer

10% Owner Other (specify

701 MARKET STREET

(Month/Day/Year)

X\_ Officer (give title below)

01/03/2011

Exec. VP & COO

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

Person

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(Month/Day/Year)

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(A) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of

(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A)

(D) Date Expiration Exercisable Date

or Number

Amount

of Shares

Title

Employee

Stock
Option
(right to

buy)

\$ 64.52 01/03/2011

A 28,205

<u>(1)</u> 01/03/2021

Common Stock 28,205

**Reporting Owners** 

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ford Eric

701 MARKET STREET Exec. VP & COO

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

**Signatures** 

Eric Ford By: Kenneth L. Wagner

Attorney-in-Fact

01/05/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 3, 2012.
- (2) Does not include employee stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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