

GIVENS HENRY JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GIVENS HENRY JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION, 701 MARKET STREET

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/18/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	03/18/2008		M	A	\$ 4,331	12,151	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008		M	A	\$ 4,525	16,676	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S	D	\$ 8,100	8,576	D
Common Stock	03/18/2008		S	D	\$ 756	7,820	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.2122	03/18/2008		M	4,331	03/22/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 03/22/2014	Common Stock	4,331
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.0528	03/18/2008		M	4,525	05/06/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 05/06/2014	Common Stock	4,525

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GIVENS HENRY JR C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	X			

## Signatures

Henry Givens, Jr. By Kenneth L. Wagner,  
Attorney-in-Fact 03/18/2008

\_\_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 vested in three equal annual installments beginning on March 22, 2005.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Does not include employee stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.
- (4) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on May 6, 2005.

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