RUSNACK WILLIAM C

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** RUSNACK WILLIAM C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction		(==== an appneacie)				
C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION, 701 MARKET STREET		_	(Month/Day/Year) 10/24/2012	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	10/24/2012		M	7,595	A	\$ 6.5841	21,568	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2012		S	7,595	D	\$ 28.17	13,973	D	
Common Stock							7,632	I	By Trust

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.5841	10/24/2012		M	7,595	05/06/2004(1)	05/06/2013	Common Stock	7,595

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RUSNACK WILLIAM C C/O PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

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Signatures

William C. Rusnack By: Kenneth L. Wagner Attorney-in-Fact

10/24/2012

**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 May 6, 2004.

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