

Williamson Kemal  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |          |                                      |  |  |
|---|----------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â Williamson Kemal                        |          | (Month/Day/Year)                     | PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First)  | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
|   |          |                                      |  |  |
| 701 MARKET STREET                         |          |                                      | (Check all applicable)   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
|   | (Street) |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| ST. LOUIS,Â MOÂ 63101-1826                |          |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
| (City)                                    | (State)  | (Zip)                                | (give title below) (specify below)   |  |
|   |          |                                      | Group VP - U.S. Western Ops.   |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 6,962 <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | D  | Â   |

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) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of  |   |

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|   |                           |            |                 | Shares |           | (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|---|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|-------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | 07/01/2010                | 01/01/2011 | Common<br>Stock | 4,174  | \$ 7.145  | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | 01/02/2006                | 01/02/2013 | Common<br>Stock | 3,457  | \$ 14.595 | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | 01/02/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> | 01/02/2014 | Common<br>Stock | 4,956  | \$ 20.975 | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | 01/03/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> | 01/03/2015 | Common<br>Stock | 4,452  | \$ 38.655 | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | 04/19/2006 <sup>(4)</sup> | 04/19/2015 | Common<br>Stock | 424    | \$ 44.24  | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | 07/20/2006 <sup>(5)</sup> | 07/20/2015 | Common<br>Stock | 1,789  | \$ 61.01  | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | 01/03/2009                | 01/03/2016 | Common<br>Stock | 11,349 | \$ 86.2   | D                 | Â |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | 01/03/2007 <sup>(6)</sup> | 01/03/2016 | Common<br>Stock | 8,804  | \$ 86.2   | D                 | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Williamson Kemal<br>701 MARKET STREET<br>ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826 | Â             | Â         | Â Group VP - U.S. Western Ops. | Â     |

## Signatures

Kemal Williamson By: Bryan L. Sutter,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/30/2006

\_\_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).
- (1) Includes 538 shares acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Of the 4,956 options, 2,478 vested on January 2, 2006 and 2,478 vest on January 2, 2007.
- (3) Of the 4,452 options, 1,484 vested on January 3, 2006, 1,484 vest on January 3, 2007 and 1,484 vest on January 3, 2008.
- (4) Of the 424 options, 142 vest on April 19, 2006, 141 vest on April 19, 2007 and 141 vest on April 19, 2008.
- (5) Of the 1,789 options, 597 vest on July 20, 2006, 596 vest on July 20, 2007 and 596 vest on July 20, 2008.
- (6) Of the 8,804 options, 2,935 vest on January 3, 2007, 2,934 vest on January 3, 2008 and 2,935 vest on January 3, 2009.

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