

NEMEC JIRI  
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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 NEMEC JIRI		(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 (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Group VP - U.S. Eastern 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	178	D	Â
Common Stock	9,822	I	By Family Trust

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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	11/19/2007	05/19/2008	Common Stock	28,548	\$ 7.145	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/01/2010	01/01/2011	Common Stock	33,708	\$ 7.145	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/02/2006	01/02/2013	Common Stock	3,872	\$ 14.595	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/02/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/02/2014	Common Stock	5,550	\$ 20.975	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/03/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/03/2015	Common Stock	4,608	\$ 38.655	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	04/19/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	04/19/2015	Common Stock	424	\$ 44.24	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/20/2006 <sup>(4)</sup>	07/20/2015	Common Stock	1,691	\$ 61.01	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/03/2009	01/03/2016	Common Stock	9,079	\$ 86.2	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/03/2007 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/03/2016	Common Stock	8,070	\$ 86.2	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEMEC JIRI 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826	Â	Â	Â Group VP - U.S. Eastern Ops.	Â

## Signatures

Jiri Nemeč 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) Of the 5,550 options, 2,775 vested on January 2, 2006 and 2,775 vest on January 2, 2007.
- (2) Of the 4,608 options, 1,536 vested on January 3, 2006, 1,536 vest on January 3, 2007 and 1,536 vest on January 3, 2008.
- (3) Of the 424 options, 142 vest on April 19, 2006, 141 vest on April 19, 2007 and 141 vest on April 19, 2008.
- (4) Of the 1,691 options, 564 vest on July 20, 2006, 563 vest on July 20, 2007 and 564 vest on July 20, 2008.

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(5) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 3, 2007.

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