

FIEHLER SHARON D  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
FIEHLER SHARON D

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)  
701 MARKET STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/13/2010

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

EVP - Chief Admin. Officer

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/13/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	47,785 A \$ 39.8143	47,785	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	20,071 A \$ 34.9553	67,856	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	11,544 A \$ 26.84	79,400	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	79,400 D \$ 62.99 <u>(2)</u>	0	D	
Common Stock					67,134	I	By Family LLC

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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 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 Share
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.8143	12/13/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	47,785	01/03/2009 01/03/2016	Common Stock 47,785
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.9553	12/13/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	20,071	<sup>(5)</sup> 01/03/2017	Common Stock 20,071
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.84	12/13/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	11,544	01/05/2010 01/05/2019	Common Stock 11,544

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

EVP - Chief Admin. Officer

## Signatures

Sharon D. Fiehler By: Kenneth L. Wagner  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/14/2010

\_\_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) This exercise/sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.  
This represents the weighted average sale price for the shares. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$62.54
- (2) to \$63.17 per share, inclusive. The reporting person will provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Does not include employee stock options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.
- (5) 10,035 options vested on January 3, 2009 and 10,036 options vested on January 3, 2010.

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