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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

May 4, 2010

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Delaware | 1-16463 | 13-4004153 | |
|--|---|--|--|
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) | |
| 701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri | | 63101 | |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | | (Zip Code) | |
| Registrant s telephone number, including | area code: | (314) 342-3400 | |
| | Not Applicable | | |
| Former nan | ne or former address, if changed since | last report | |
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Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

Peabody Energy Corporation (Peabody) held its annual meeting of shareholders on May 4, 2010.

Ten directors were elected to serve for a one-year term expiring in 2011. A tabulation of the votes for these directors is set forth below:

| | For | Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Gregory H. Boyce | 188,600,939 | 10,112,938 | 23,051,316 |
| William A. Coley | 197,719,691 | 994,186 | 23,051,316 |
| William E. James | 189,828,346 | 8,885,531 | 23,051,316 |
| Robert B. Karn III | 197,474,338 | 1,239,539 | 23,051,316 |
| M. Frances Keeth | 197,423,403 | 1,290,474 | 23,051,316 |
| Henry E. Lentz | 187,393,335 | 11,320,542 | 23,051,316 |
| Robert A. Malone | 197,694,912 | 1,018,965 | 23,051,316 |
| William C. Rusnack | 197,718,983 | 994,894 | 23,051,316 |
| John F. Turner | 196,478,611 | 2,235,266 | 23,051,316 |
| Alan H. Washkowitz | 189,286,863 | 9,427,014 | 23,051,316 |

Sandra A. Van Trease will continue to serve out the remainder of her three-year term before standing for re-election in 2011.

Shareholders also ratified the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Peabody s independent registered public accounting firm for 2010. The results of the vote are set forth below:

| | For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|--|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|
| Ratification of independent registered | | | | |
| public accounting firm | 220,253,104 | 1,157,824 | 354,265 | |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

May 7, 2010 By: /s/ Kenneth L. Wagner

Name: Kenneth L. Wagner

Title: Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and

Assistant Secretary