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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> NEMEC JIRI			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/23/2006	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
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(Street)				(Check all applicable)			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 	
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826			Director10% Owner XOfficerOther (give title below) (specify below) Group VP - U.S. Eastern Ops.					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	*	
Common Sto	ock		178		D	Â		
Common Sto	ock		9,822		Ι	By F	amily Trust	
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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

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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(1)	01/02/2014	Common Stock	5,550	\$ 20.975	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/03/2006(2)	01/03/2015	Common Stock	4,608	\$ 38.655	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	04/19/2006(3)	04/19/2015	Common Stock	424	\$ 44.24	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/20/2006(4)	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(5)	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	Group VP - U.S. Eastern Ops.	Â		
Signatures						
Jiri Nemec By: Bryan L. Sutter,		01/20/2006				

**Signature of Reporting Person 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).

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Date

- (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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