

PEABODY ENERGY CORP
Form 8-K
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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 3, 2011

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-16463

(Commission File Number)

13-4004153

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri

(Address of principal executive offices)

63101-1826

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code ccodecode

(314) 342-3400

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangement of Certain Officers.

On May 3, 2011, the shareholders of Peabody Energy Corporation (the Company) approved the 2011 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan (the 2011 Plan) at the Company's 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting). The 2011 Plan replaces the 2001 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan (the 2001 Plan), the Equity Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the Non-Employee Directors Plan) and the 2004 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan (the 2004 Plan). Both the 2001 Plan and the Non-Employee Directors Plan expire on May 22, 2011. The 2004 Plan is being amended to provide that no further awards may be made under it on or after May 3, 2011.

The 2011 Plan authorizes an aggregate of 14,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock be reserved for issuance of awards in a variety of forms including: (1) stock appreciation rights (SARs); (2) restricted stock; (3) incentive stock options; (4) nonqualified stock options; (5) stock units; and (6) performance awards. The 2011 Plan was filed as Appendix A to the Company's 2011 Proxy Statement, and the terms thereof are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The Company held its Annual Meeting on May 3, 2011. Of the 270,600,359 shares of Common Stock outstanding on the record date, 224,663,311 shares were present at the meeting in person or by proxy, representing approximately 83% of the total outstanding shares eligible to vote. The final results for each of the matters submitted to a vote of shareholders at the Annual Meeting are as follows:

Item 1: Election of Directors

| | For | Withheld | Abstain |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Gregory H. Boyce | 190,371,924 | 10,498,936 | 23,792,451 |
| William A. Coley | 197,308,423 | 3,562,437 | 23,792,451 |
| William E. James | 197,287,302 | 3,583,558 | 23,792,451 |
| Robert B. Karn III | 197,192,301 | 3,678,559 | 23,792,451 |
| M. Frances Keeth | 195,959,165 | 4,911,695 | 23,792,451 |
| Henry E. Lentz | 195,206,991 | 5,663,869 | 23,792,451 |
| Robert A. Malone | 195,936,378 | 4,994,482 | 23,792,451 |
| William C. Rusnack | 197,510,561 | 4,360,299 | 23,792,451 |
| John F. Turner | 196,871,572 | 3,999,288 | 23,792,451 |
| Sandra A. Van Trease | 197,608,386 | 3,262,474 | 23,792,451 |
| Alan H. Washkowitz | 185,297,525 | 15,573,335 | 23,792,451 |

Item 2: Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

| For | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|-----------|---------|
| 219,955,976 | 4,460,126 | 247,209 |

Item 3: Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| 191,262,687 | 8,711,048 | 897,106 | 23,792,470 |

Advisory Vote on the Frequency of Future Advisory Votes on Executive Compensation

| One Year | Two Years | Three Years | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| 147,054,711 | 19,145,762 | 33,898,635 | 770,634 | |

After consideration of the stockholders' recommendation, the Company's board of directors has determined that it will hold an advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers annually until the next required vote on the frequency of such an advisory vote.

Item 5: Approval of Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|-----|---------|---------|------------------|
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|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| 140,888,208 | 58,782,673 | 1,199,687 | 23,793,569 |
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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit |
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| 10.1 | Peabody Energy Corporation 2011 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to Peabody Energy Corporation's Proxy Statement filed on March 22, 2011). |

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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 9, 2011

By: */s/ Kenneth L. Wagner*

Name: *Kenneth L. Wagner*

Title: *Vice President, Assistant General
Counsel and Assistant Secretary*

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