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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

13-4004153  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

701 MARKET STREET  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI  
(Address of principal executive offices)

63101-1826  
(Zip Code)

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PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION  
DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN  
(Full title of the Plan)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

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Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Offering Price Per Share(1)	Aggregate Offering Price(1)
Stock Units Equivalent to Peabody Energy Corporation Common Stock, \$.01 par value(2)	100,000 units	\$25.53	\$2,553,000