

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 25, 2006

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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):

January 23, 2006

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 name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 23, 2006, Peabody Energy Corporation ("Peabody") announced via press release that its board of directors authorized a two-for-one stock split on all shares of its common stock. The stock split entitles all shareholders of record at the close of business on February 7, 2006 to receive a dividend of one share of Peabody common stock for every share held on that date. The stock dividend will be distributed on February 22, 2006, and the stock will begin trading ex-split on February 23, 2006.

The board of directors also authorized an increase in the regular quarterly dividend on common stock of 26 percent to \$0.12 per share (on a pre-split basis). The regular quarterly dividend will be paid prior to the stock split on February 22, 2006 to shareholders of record on February 7, 2006. A copy of Peabody's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1

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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

*January 24, 2006*

*By: Jeffery L. Klinger*

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*Name: Jeffery L. Klinger*

*Title: Vice President - General Counsel*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated January 23, 2006.