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FORM OMB 3235-0287 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE Number: **COMMISSION** January 31, Expires: 2005 Washington, D.C. 20549 Estimated average Check this burden hours per box if no STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP response... 0.5 longer subject **OF SECURITIES** to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or may continue. Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Issuer Symbol Hagedorn Christopher J PEABODY ENERGY CORP (Check all applicable) [BTU] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Director X_ Officer (give Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) title below) 701 MARKET STREET 04/02/2012 President-Asia & Coal Trading (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ST. LOUIS, MO 63101 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Nature Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Ownership of Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially Form: Beneficial Direct (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 30,602 04/02/2012 A <u>(2)</u> 81,588 (3) D (1) Stock Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to SEC 1474 the collection of (9-02)information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. io Number of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hagedorn Christopher J 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

President-Asia & Coal Trading

Signatures

Christopher J. Hagedorn By Kenneth L. Wagner Attorney-in-Fact

04/04/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) Represents a restricted stock award that vests on April 2, 2015.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Includes 1,692 shares held by the reporting person in the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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