

Patriot Coal CORP  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
PEABODY INVESTMENTS CORP.			(Month/Day/Year)	Patriot Coal CORP [PCX]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	10/12/2007		
701 MARKET STREET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Street)			(Check all applicable)		
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below)		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	10	D <sup>(1)</sup>	

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)**

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

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PEABODY INVESTMENTS CORP. 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101	^	^ X	^	^
PEABODY ENERGY CORP 701 MARKET ST ST LOUIS, MO 63101-1826	^	^ X	^	^

## Signatures

Alexander C. Schoch, Executive Vice President - Law of Peabody Investments Corp.	10/12/2007
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Alexander C. Schoch, Executive Vice President - Law and Chief Legal Officer of Peabody Energy Corporation	10/12/2007
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## 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).
- (1) Ten (10) shares of common stock of Patriot Coal Corporation are owned beneficially and of record by Peabody Investments Corp. Peabody Energy Corporation is the sole stockholder of Peabody Investments Corp.

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