

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

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PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

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**Important Notice of Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting of**

**PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION**

**To Be Held On:**

**May 1, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.**

**The Peabody Opera House, 1400 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103**

**COMPANY NUMBER**

**ACCOUNT NUMBER**

**CONTROL NUMBER**

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Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement  
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1. Election of Directors:

**NOMINEES:**

Gregory H. Boyce

William A. Coley

William E. James

Robert B. Karn III

M. Frances Keeth

Henry E. Lentz

Robert A. Malone

William C. Rusnack

John F. Turner

Sandra A. Van Trease

Alan H. Washkowitz

2. Ratification of appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

3. Advisory resolution to approve named executive officer compensation.

4. Shareholder proposal requesting preparation of a report on lobbying activities.

**The Board recommends a vote FOR Items 1, 2 and 3 and a vote AGAINST Item 4.**

**Note: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.**

**Please note that you cannot use this notice to vote by mail.**