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*By U.S. Mail and facsimile to (314)342-3419* 

Gregory H. Boyce President and Chief Executive Officer Peabody Energy Corporation 701 Market Street St. Louis, Missouri 63101-1826

Re: Peabody Energy Corporation
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A
Filed March 26, 2007
File No. 001-016463

Dear Mr. Boyce:

We have reviewed your December 21, 2007 response to our comments of December 7, 2007. Without more detail, we cannot agree or disagree with your conclusion that you have an appropriate basis to omit the identified performance targets. Since you are in possession of all of the facts related to your disclosure, we have decided that we have no basis to disagree with your decision to omit this information from your filing. As in all cases, we remind you that you are responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in your filings. We do not have any further comments on your filing.

If you have any further questions regarding our review of your filing, please call me at (202) 551-3687.

Sincerely,

Carmen Moncada-Terry Attorney Advisor