## FORM 4

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Instruction 1(b).

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Ziegler John A.						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ ACI ]								of Reporting F licable) or r (give title	10% O	
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE SUITE 300					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2013								X below		below)	
(Street) ST. LOUIS MO (City) (State)			63141 (Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check App Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Report Person										on	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date			, Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		Dispose	rities Acquired (A) c ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		Benefic	ies Fo ially (D Following (I)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
								Code	v   A	Amount	(A) (D)	Price	Tranca	ction(s)		` '
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr 8)				6. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		e and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expir Date	ration	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock	(1)	12/13/2013		A		3		(2)	(2	(2)	Common Stock	3	\$4.15	414	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each share of phantom stock represents a right to receive the value in cash of one share of Arch Coal, Inc. common stock. The shares of phantom stock are held by the executive officer through the Arch Coal, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan".) The shares of phantom stock acquired by the executive officer represent dividends attributable to amounts that the executive officer elected to defer under the Plan into a hypothetical investment in shares of Arch Coal Common stock.
- 2. Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash on the date or dates elected by the executive officer, subject to the terms of the Plan. The executive officer may transfer any and all of the phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

## Remarks:

/s/ Jon S. Ploetz, Attorney-in-

**Fact** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

12/17/2013

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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