FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SANDS THEODORE D						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ ACI ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
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,					4. If	Ame	ndment,	Date	of Original I	Filed	(Month/D	ay/Year)		6. Ir	ndividual or	Joint/Group	Filin	g (Check Ap	plicable	
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		Tab	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	osed o	of, or B	enef	icial	ly Owned	t c				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date			Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)			ities Acqu d Of (D) (II			Benefici Owned I	es ally Following	Form (D) o	n: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
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		Т	able II - I						uired, Di						Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/	Date,	4. Transa Code (I B)		of		6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		urity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly i	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	or Nur of	ount mber ares						
Restricted Stock	\$4.01	07/25/2013			A		2,500		(1)		(2)	Common Stock	2,	500	\$0.00	5,000		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The reporting person received 2500 restricted stock units on July 25, 2013. The restricted stock units vest upon the retirement of the reporting person.
- 2. The restricted stock units do not expire.

## Remarks:

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

**Fact** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

07/26/2013

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).
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