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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*						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)				
LOCKHART THOMAS A				1					- 1				) >	Direct	or		10% O	wner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2006									Office below	r (give title )		Other (s	specify
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(Street)					4. If	f Amer	ndment	t, Date	of Original F	iled	(Month/D	ay/Year)		Line	)	Joint/Group	•		·
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	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date		r, Transaction Dispos Code (Instr. 5)		rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				ies For cially (D) Following (I) (		n: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)		rice	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	ction(s)			(Instr. 4)	
	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/Yea	Date,	4. Transactio Code (Inst 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of Securities Underlyin		it of ies ying ive Security		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactior (Instr. 4)	Owne Form: Direct or Ind (I) (Ins	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Phantom Stock	(1)	09/15/2006			A		22		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	2	2	\$27.83	10,382		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 director through the Arch Coal, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan"). The shares of phantom stock acquired by the director represent dividends attributable to amounts that the director elected to defer under the Plan into a hypothetical investment in shares of Arch Coal, Inc. common stock.
- 2. Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the director's service as a director of Arch Coal, Inc. The director may transfer certain portions of the phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

## Remarks:

/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

09/19/2006

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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