## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Strobel Jeffrey W.  |   |  |  |         |                               | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ ACI ] |         |       |  |   |                  |  |                                | 5. Relationship<br>(Check all appl<br>Direct                  |   | icable) | g Per                               | son(s) to Iss<br>10% Ov<br>Other (s                                      | vner   |
|---|---|--|--|---------|-------------------------------|--|---------|-------|--|---|------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE                   |   |  |  |         |                               | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/02/2013              |         |       |  |   |                  |  |                                | X   | below   |         |                                     | below)   | ·  |
| (Street) ST. LOUIS MO 63141 (City) (State) (Zip)              |   |  |  |         | 4. If                         | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                 |         |       |  |   |                  |  |                                | Line)   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable le)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |         |                                     |  |  |
|   |   | Tab  | le I - Nor                                     | 1-Deriv | ative                         | Sec  | curitie | es Ac | cquired,   | Dis   | posed            | of, or Be  | enefi                          | cially  | y Owne  | d       |                                     |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date) |   |  |  |         |                               | Execution Date,  |         |       | ar) Code<br>8)   | Transaction Code (Instr. 3, 8)  Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) |                  |  | 4 and                          | 5. Amou<br>Securiti<br>Benefic<br>Owned<br>Reporte<br>Transac | ies For (D) Following (I) (I)   |         | n: Direct<br>r Indirect<br>nstr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)        |  |
|   |   |  |  |         |                               |  |         | Code  | V  | Amount  | t (A) or Pi      |  | rice                           | (Instr. 3   |   |         |                                     |  |  |
|   |   | Т  | able II - I                                    |         |                               |  |         |       |  |   |                  | , or Ben<br>ible sec   |                                |   | Owned   |         |                                     |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | Date,   | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (I<br>8) |  | of I    |       | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   |                  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Securi<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                | S (1  | B. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>Instr. 5)  |         | ily                                 | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |  |         | Code                          | v  | (A)     | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisab  |   | xpiration<br>ate | Title  | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar | per   |   |         |                                     |  |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock  | (1)   | 10/02/2013                                 |  |         | A                             |  | 25      |       | (2)  |   | (2)              | Common<br>Stock  | 25                             | , [   | \$4.08  | 1,600   |                                     | 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") and represent past compensation, the vested portion of restricted stock awards and/or payouts under other incentive compensation arrangements that the Executive Officer elected to defer under the Plan into a hypothetical investment in shares of Arch Coal Common stock and/or dividends paid with respect to such deferral amounts.
- 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/ Robert G. Jones, Attorney-

10/03/2013

in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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