SEC Form 4

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres	ss of Reporting Perso	on*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ARCH COAL INC</u> [ACI]	(Check	tionship of Reporting Per all applicable)			
<u>word retern</u>				X	Director	10% Owner		
(Last) ONE CITYPLA	(First) CE DRIVE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2014		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		
SUITE 300			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable			
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(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/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security	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	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock	(1)	12/23/2014		I		18,008		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	18,008	\$1.77	73,170	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each share of phantom stock is the equivalent to one share of Arch Coal, Inc. common stock. Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following the reporting person's termination of employment with Arch Coal, Inc. and may be transferred by the reporting person into an alternative investment account at any time. This transaction was a discretionary intraplan transaction by the reporting person where the reporting person elected to transfer funds into Arch Coal, Inc. phantom stock.

Remarks:

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

12/29/2014

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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