FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FELDMAN SHEILA B						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ARCH COAL INC</u> [ACI]							eck all applic Directo	able)	Person(s) to Iss	
(Last) (First) (Middle) I						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2004							below)		below)	
(Street) ST. LOU (City)			63141 (Zip)		4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(5	•			<u> </u>						<i>.</i> -	<i>a</i>				
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr.) 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) 5)			ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 and	Beneficia Owned F	s For ally (D) following (I) (6. Ownership Form: Direct D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(Instr. 4)	
		,	Table II -	Deriva (e.g., p	ative outs,	Sec call	urities s, war	Acqu rants,	iired, Dis options,	posed of convert	, or Bene ble secu	eficially rities)	Owned			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Date Execution (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day)	Date,	4. Transa Code (I 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indirec (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership tt (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	1(5)	
Phantom Stock	(1)	01/30/2004			M			3,945	(2)	01/02/2009	Common Stock	3,945	(1)	7,889	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	01/30/2004			A		3,945		(3)	(4)	Common Stock	3,945	(1)	3,945	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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- 2. Vested on January 30, 2004 based on the average trading price for Arch Coal, Inc. ("ACI") common stock equalling or exceeding \$30 over a period of 20 consecutive trading days. The vested phantom stock units were issued to the reporting person in restricted stock units.
- 3. Restricted Stock Units vest ratably over a three-year period.
- 4. There is no expiration date for the Restricted Stock Units.

Remarks:

/s/ Janet L. Horgan, Attorney-

02/02/2004

in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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