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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Godley Patricia Fry |  |  |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ ACI ] |  |  |  |   |   |                   |   |        | ck all applic   | Reporting Person(s) to Issuer able) 10% Owner       |   |                    |   |  |  |
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| ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE   |  |  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/23/2015       |  |  |  |   |   |                   |   |        | Officer<br>below)   | (give title   |   | Other (s<br>below) | pecify  |  |  |
| SUITE 300   |  |  |   | 4. 11   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |  |   |   |                   |   |        | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)       |   |   |                    |   |  |  |
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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/Date) |  |  |   | Execution Date,   |  | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 5) 4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 5) |  |   |   |                   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following |        | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership   |                    |   |  |  |
|   |  |  |   |   |  |  | Code   | V | Amount  | Amount (A) or (D) |   | Price  |   | eported<br>ansaction(s)<br>nstr. 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<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. Deemed<br>Execution I<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | Date, T   | 4.<br>Γransa<br>Code (1<br>3)                            |  | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D) (Instr.<br>3, 4 and 5) |   | 6. Date Exercisabl<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                   | of Securities   |        | curity  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | ly D               | LO.<br>Dwnership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
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| Restricted<br>Stock   | \$4.1  | 04/23/2015                                 |   |   | A  |  | 26,850   |   | (1)   |                   | (2)   | Common | ı 26  | 5,850   | \$0.00  | 54,500             |   | D  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The reporting person received 26,850 restricted stock units on April 23, 2015. The restricted stock units vest on April 23, 2016.
- 2. The restricted stock units do not expire.

## Remarks:

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

04/24/2015

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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