FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D	D.C. 2	0549
---------------	--------	------

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES IN	BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

	OMB APPROVAL								
	OMB Number:	3235-0287							
l	Estimated average b	urden							

0.5

hours per response:

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Name and Address of Reporting Person* Godley Patricia Fry					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ACI]						Relationship heck all appl X Direct	,	erson(s) to Iss		
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE SUITE 300					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2008						Office below	r (give title)	Other (below)	specify	
(Street) ST. LOUIS MO 63141				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(SI	tate) (Zip)												
Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da			ransactior e	ay/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) Transaction Code (Instr. 3, 5)			red (A) or str. 3, 4 an	5. Amount of Securities FO (D) Owned Following Reported		rm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (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	Code (Instr. Derivativ		vative rities rired r osed)	Expiration Date Amo Secu Unda Deriv (Inst.		Amount of D Securities S		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	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)	03/31/2008		A		690		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	690	\$43.5	15,567	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") and represent past compensation that the director elected to defer under the Plan into a hypothetical investment in shares of Arch Coal, Inc. common stock and/or dividends attributable to such deferred amounts.
- 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 amounts held in the phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

Remarks:

/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz, 04/02/2008 Attorney-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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.