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## 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 Address of Repo	•	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ARCH COAL INC</u> [ ACI ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner • Officer (give title Other (specify
(Last) (First) ONECITYPLACE DRIV	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2008	X biller (give the Confer (specify below) below) VP - Human Resources
(Street) ST. LOUIS MO	63141	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State)	(Zip)		

### 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)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V		Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
Common Stock	02/25/2008		М		734	Α	(1)	6,527	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2008		М		766	Α	(2)	7,293	D	

### 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)		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	rative rities ired r osed	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		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				
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	02/25/2008		М			734	(4)	(5)	Common Stock	734	(1)	732	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	02/25/2008		М			766	(6)	(5)	Common Stock	766	(2)	2,300	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. The reporting person received 2,200 restricted stock units on February 23, 2006. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. Upon vesting of 734 restricted stock units on February 25, 2008, the reporting person received 734 shares of common stock.

2. The reporting person received 4,600 restricted stock units on February 24, 2005. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. Upon vesting of 1,532 restricted stock units on February 25, 2008, the reporting person received 766 shares of common stock and deferred receipt of 766 shares of common stock pursuant to the Arch Coal, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. 3. Each restricted stock unit represents a right to receive one share of common stock unless otherwise deferred, at the reporting person's election, pursuant to the Arch Coal, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

4. The reporting person received 2,200 restricted stock units on February 23, 2006. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. On February 25, 2008, 734 restricted stock units vested. 5. The restricted stock units do not expire.

6. The reporting person received 4,600 restricted stock units on February 24, 2005. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. On February 25, 2008, 1,532 restricted stock units vested. **Remarks:** 

> /s/ Gregory A. Billhartz, Attorney-in-Fact

02/27/2008

\*\* 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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