## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  POTTER ROBERT G						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ ACI ]									ationship k all appl Direct	icable)	Reporting Person(s) to Issuer able) 10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle)  ONECITYPLACE DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2008									Office below	r (give title )		Other (s below)	specify	
(Street) ST. LOU (City)			53141 (Zip)		4. If	f Ame	ndment	t, Date	of Original	Filed	(Month/E	oay/Year)		6. Indi Line) X	Form	Joint/Group filed by One filed by More n	Repo	orting Perso	n
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date,			r, Transaction Disposed Of (D) Code (Instr. 5)			ies Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		5. Amou Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte	es Formally (D) (Following (I) (I		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
							Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)		e		ction(s)			(111311.4)		
	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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code (1 8)		ı of		6. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Derivative Security (Instr. 5)			Owne Form: Direct or Ind (I) (Ins	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		opiration	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	er					
Phantom Stock	(1)	06/30/2008			A		312		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	312		\$75.03	40,092		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,
Attorney-in-Fact
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

07/02/2008

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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