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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Morris George C III					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ ACI ]									Relationshipheck all app	,	,	s) to Iss 10% Ov	
						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/15/2012									er (give title V)		Other (s pelow)	specify
(Street) ST. LOUIS MO 63141			4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(St	tate) (	(Zip)															
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)  Table II - Derivativ				ay/Yea	Execution Date, Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr.					red (A) or estr. 3, 4 and Price	5. Amo Securing Benefic Owned Report Transa (Instr. 3	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/	ate, T	ransaction ode (Instr.		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 Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactior (Instr. 4)	Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins	ct (D) direct	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				С	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		piration te	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Phantom Stock	(1)	06/15/2012			A		25		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	25	\$6.01	5,089		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 certain portions of the phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

## Remarks:

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

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

06/18/2012

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