### FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  LOCKHART THOMAS A				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ ACI ]							(Che	5. Relationship of Report (Check all applicable) X Director			rson(s) to Iss				
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2007									Office below	r (give title )		Other (s	specify		
(Street) ST. LOU	IS M		53141		4. If	Amer	ndment	, Date	of Original	Filed	(Month/D	Day/Year)		6. In Line	) 【 Form	filed by One	e Rep	g (Check Ap orting Perso n One Repo	on
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		Tab	le I - Nor	-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	osed	of, or B	enef	iciall	y Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				Execution Date,		Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		a) or 4 and	5. Amou Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte	ies For cially (D) Following (I) (I		n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
				Code	v	Amount	unt (A) or (D)		Price	Transac	action(s) . 3 and 4)			(111511.4)					
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)	Execution	Date, 1	ransaction Code (Instr. )		of		6. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			d 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)			3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)		ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		opiration	Title	Amo or Nun of Sha	nber					
Phantom Stock	(1)	12/31/2007			A		312		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	33	12	\$44.93	12,050		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

01/03/2008

Date

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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