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* JONES ROBERT G						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ACI]							Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2015							<u> </u>	X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Sr. VP-Law, Gen Counsel & Secy					
(Street) ST. LOUIS MO 63141 (City) (State) (Zip)			Zip)	_	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			d (A) or	5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned For Reported Transacti	s Forr ally (D) a ollowing (I) (I		Direct I Indirect E tr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	se (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code () 8)		on of		6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		e of Securities		ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: y Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr.	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Performance Shares	\$4.1	02/26/2015		A		90,750		(1)		(2)	Common Stock	90,750	\$0.00	181,500	0	D		
Restricted Stock Units	\$4.1	02/26/2015		A		90,750		(3)		(4)	Common Stock	90,750	\$0.00	234,600	0	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The reporting person received 90,750 performance shares on February 26, 2015. The performance shares vest on February 26, 2018.
- 2. The performance shares do not expire.
- 3. The reporting person received 90,750 restricted stock units on February 26, 2015. The restricted stock units vest on February 26, 2018.
- 4. The restricted stock units do not expire. $\,$

Remarks:

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

03/02/2015

<u>Fact</u>

** 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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