FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ARCH COAL INC [ACI] <u>Godley Patricia Fry</u> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 03/31/2011 ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE **SUITE 300** 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) (Street) Form filed by One Reporting Person 63141 ST. LOUIS MO Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature Execution Date. Transaction Securities Form: Direct of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Code (Instr. 5) Beneficially Beneficial Owned Following Ownership 8) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Transaction(s) Code ٧ Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 11. Nature of Indirect 1. Title of 3. Transaction 9. Number of 10.

6. Date Exercisable and 3A. Deemed 5. Number 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price of Derivative **Execution Date** Transaction **Expiration Date**

| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (| | | | | | Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Security (Instr. 5) | Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Phantom Stock | (1) | 03/31/2011 | | A | | 1,145 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 1,145 | \$36.04 | 37,163 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Conversion

- 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

Remarks:

Derivative

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

Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

04/01/2011

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Ownership

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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