## FORM 4

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Wold Peter I						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ ACI ]										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
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(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/21/2010										Office below	er (give title y)		Other below)	(specify		
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Phantom Stock	(1)	07/21/2010			A		2,918		(2)		(2)		Commo	1 2	2,918	\$20.56	2,918		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

07/23/2010

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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The undersigned, appoints the following individuals, with full power to each of them to act alone, as his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents to execute and file on behalf of the undersigned all Forms 3, 4 and 5, and any amendments thereto, that the undersigned may be required to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and any stock exchange or similar authority, as a result of the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of Arch Coal, Inc. The authority of the following individuals under this Power of Attorney shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with regard to the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of Arch Coal, Inc., unless earlier revoked in writing. The undersigned acknowledges that the following individuals are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The following Officers of Arch Coal, Inc.:

Secretary of the Corporation

Assistant Secretary of the Corporation

General Counsel of the Corporation

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 21st day of July, 2010.

/s/ Peter I. Wold

Peter I. Wold