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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SANDS THEODORE D | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ACI] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owne | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|--------|--|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--|-----------------|---|--|--|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/13/2008 | | | | | | | | | Office below | r (give title) | | Other (: below) | specify | |
| (Street) ST. LOU (City) | | | 63141 (Zip) | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed | | | | | (Month/E | ay/Year) | | 6. Indiv Line) X | Form | filed by One | roup Filing (Check Applicable One Reporting Person More than One Reporting | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | action | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | 3. Transac Code (I 8) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securitie Disposed O 5) | | rities Acquired (A) or ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and | | or and | 5. Amou Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte Transac | unt of es ially Following ed etion(s) | Form (D) or | : Direct r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 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) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, | 4. Transa Code (I 8) | | of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price Derivativ Security (Instr. 5) | | | ly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Cod | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | piration ate | Title | Amour or Number of Shares | er | | | | | |
| Phantom Stock | (1) | 06/13/2008 | | | A | | 72 | | (2) | | (2) | Common Stock | 72 | | \$71.5 | 57,266 | | 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"). The shares of phantom stock acquired by the director represent dividends attributable to amounts that the director elected to defer under the Plan into a hypothetical investment in shares of Arch Coal, Inc. common stock.
- 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

06/17/2008

** Signature of Reporting Person

Signature of Reporting Ferson

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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