FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Cochran Kenneth D.					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ ACI ]								heck all appl Direct	icable)	Person(s) to Is 10% O Other (	wner
(Last) (First) (Middle)  ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE SUITE 300					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/06/2016								X below		below)	
(Street) ST. LOUIS MO 63141		53141	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Lin	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(St		Zip)													
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date, Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr.					d (A) or r. 3, 4 an Price	5. Amo Securit Benefic Owned Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	5. Amount of Securities Form (D) (O) (I) (I) (I) (I) (I) (I) (I) (I) (I) (I		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	action (Instr.	5. Number n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amou Secur Unde Deriv	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiratio Date	n Title	1	or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock	(1)	01/06/2016		M			435	(1)	(2)	Comr		435	\$0.93	2,426	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each share of phantom stock entitled the reporting person to receive the cash value of one share of common stock. The lump sum amount is based on the value of their account on December 22, 2015.
- 2. The phantom stock does not expire.

## Remarks:

/s/ Robert G. Jones, Attorney-

01/07/2016

in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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