FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HUNT DOUGLAS H</u>  |          |                |                |                    | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>ARCH COAL INC</u> [ ACI ] |  |  |  |            |  |  | (Che                                    | <ol> <li>Relationship of Reporting Pers<br/>(Check all applicable)</li> <li>X Director</li> </ol> |   |  | on(s) to Issuer         |        |
|---|----------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|------------|--|--|---|---|---|--|-------------------------|--------|
| (Last) ONECIT   | (F       | irst)<br>DRIVE | (Middle)       |                    | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/24/2015                        |  |  |  |            |  |  |   | Officer<br>below)   | Officer (give title below)                        |  | Other (s<br>below)      | pecify |
| (Street) ST. LOU (City)   |          | itate)         | 63141<br>(Zip) |                    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                           |  |  |  |            | Line   | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>2)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |   |   |   |  |                         |        |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Tran:<br>Date  |          |                |                | 2. Transac<br>Date | <del></del>  |  | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) |  |            | I (A) or   | 5. Amoun<br>Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned Fe  | s Fo<br>lly (D)<br>ollowing (I)         | Form:   | Direct Indirect Estr. 4)                          | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership    |                         |        |
| Common Stock  |          |                | 04/24/7        |                    |  |  | v  | Amount 5,663   | (A) or (D) | Price \$1.03   | Transacti<br>(Instr. 3 a   | Reported Fransaction(s) Instr. 3 and 4) |   | D   | (Instr. 4)   |                         |        |
| Table II - Derivat (e.g., p  1. Title of Derivative Conversion Date San Deemed Execution Date, Transaction Execution Date, Transaction Date, Transaction Date Execution Date, Transaction Date, Date Date Date Date Date Date Date Date |          |                |                |                    |  | tive Securities Acquiruts, calls, warrants, calls, warran |  | ired, Disposed of, or options, convertible  6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |            | or Beneficially O<br>le securities)  7. Title and Amount<br>of Securities Underlying |  |   | 9. Number o<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned                                  | r of  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect | Beneficial<br>Ownership |        |
|   | Security |                |                | Code               | e V  | (D) (Ins<br>and 5)   | tr. 3, 4   | Date<br>Exercisal  | ble        | Expiration<br>Date   | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares  |   | Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) |  | (I) (Instr. 4)          |        |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units  | \$1.03   | 04/24/2015     |                | М                  |  |  | 22,650   | (1)  |            | (2)  | Common<br>Stock  | 22,650                                  | \$0.00  | 31,850  | 0  | D                       |        |
| Phantom   | (3)      | 04/24/2015     |                | M                  |  | 16,987   |  | (4)  |            | (4)  | Common   | 16,987                                  | \$1.03  | 16,98   | 7  | D                       |        |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. The reporting person received 22,650 \ restricted \ stock \ units \ on \ 4/24/2014, \ all \ of \ which \ vested \ on \ 4/24/2015.$
- 2. Restricted stock units do not expire.
- 3. Each share of phantom stock represents the deferral of the receipt of one share of common stock pursuant to Arch Coal, Inc.'s deferred compensation plan.
- 4. Each share of phantom stock represents a right to receive one share of common stock.

## Remarks:

Stock

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

**Fact** 

Stock

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

04/28/2015 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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