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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LOCKHART THOMAS A | | | | | | 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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| LUCK | HAKI II | HUMAS A | | | | | | | | | | | | | X Direct | or | | 10% O | vner |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2009 | | | | | | | | | Office below | (give title | | Other (: below) | specify | |
| | | | | | 4. 11 | f Ame | endment, | Date | of Origina | Filed | I (Month/D | ay/Year) | | 6. II | ndividual or | Joint/Group | Filing | g (Check Ap | plicable |
| (Street) ST. LOU | JIS M | 0 | 63141 | | | | | | | | | | | - 1 | X Form | filed by One | | J | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | Perso | n | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Non | -Deriv | ative | e Se | curitie | s Ac | quired, | Dis | posed o | of, or B | ene | ficial | ly Owne | d | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Transa Date (Month/I | | Execution Date, | | Code | Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 5) | | | | Benefic Owned | ities icially d Following | | n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | nt (A) or (D) | | Price | Reporte Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | Т | able II - I | | | | | | uired, E s, optio | | | | | | Owned | , | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution I if any (Month/Day | Date, Transac Code (I | | | | | 6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Ye | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | у | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisab | | Expiration Date | Title | or Nu of | nount mber ares | | | | | |
| Phantom Stock | (1) | 03/31/2009 | 04/09/20 | 009 | A | | 1,122 | | (2) | | (2) | Common Stock | 1, | 122 | \$13.37 | 15,329 | | 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 amounts held in the phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

Remarks:

/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz, Attorney-in-Fact

04/10/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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