FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Strobel Jeffrey W.</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ACI]									eck all appl Direct	or) Person	10% Ov	vner
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2013									below			Other (s below) Strateg	
(Street) ST. LOUIS MO 63141				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)																			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution			Code (I	ransaction Dispos ode (Instr. 5)		rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amou Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte	es ially Following	6. Owner Form: Di (D) or Ind (I) (Instr.	rect direct 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
								Code	v	Amount	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(IIISU. 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/Day	Date,		ransaction code (Instr.		mber rative rities ired r osed) : 3, 4	6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	m: ect (D) ndirect	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		opiration	Title	Amo or Num of Sha	nber					
Phantom Stock	(1)	12/13/2013			A		12		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	1	2	\$4.15	1,638		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 Executive Officer through the Arch Coal, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") and represent past compensation, the vested portion of restricted stock awards and/or payouts under other incentive compensation arrangements that the Executive Officer elected to defer under the Plan into a hypothetical investment in shares of Arch Coal Common stock and/or dividends paid with respect to such deferral amounts.
- 2. Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash on the date or dates elected by the executive officer, subject to the terms of the Plan. The executive officer may transfer any and all of the phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

Remarks:

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

12/17/2013

Fact

** 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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