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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Form 4

Transactions Reported

Godley Patricia Fry

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Symbol

ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) (Middle)

> _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

below)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE, Â SUITE 300

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(check applicable line)

ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63141

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below)

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Acquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned at end	Indirect (I)	Ownership
				(of Issuer's	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(A)	Fiscal Year		

Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8.
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	De
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A)			(In

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Derivative or Disposed Security of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

(A) (D) Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Number of

Shares

Amount

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Godley Patricia Fry
ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE
SUITE 300
ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63141

Signatures

/s/ Janet L. Horgan, Attorney-in-Fact 02/14/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) 1-for-1
- (2) Acquired on various dates in 2004 pursuant to Arch Coal, Inc.'s Director Compensation Plan.
- (3) Payable in cash upon termination of the Reporting Person's service on Arch Coal's Board.

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