

ARCH COAL INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PEUGH DAVID B

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONECITYPLACE DRIVE

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/04/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Vice President - Bus Dev

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2007 | | M | 3,640 A | 29,046 | D | |

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)

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| 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) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Performance Rights | (2) | 05/04/2007 | | M | 9,100 | (3) 12/31/2008 | Common Stock | 9,100 |
| Phantom Stock | (2) | 05/04/2007 | | M | 1,820 | (4) (4) | Common Stock | 1,820 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PEUGH DAVID B ONECITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141 | | | Vice President - Bus Dev | |

Signatures

/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz, 05/08/2007
Attorney-in-Fact

**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).

The reporting person received 18,200 performance-contingent phantom shares on July 28, 2005. One-half of the performance contingent phantom shares vest if the average closing price of Arch Coal, Inc.'s common stock for a period of 20 consecutive trading days meets or exceeds \$35.00, subject to the achievement of certain financial performance targets. Upon vesting of 9,100 performance contingent phantom shares on May 4, 2007, the reporting person received 3,640 shares of common stock, \$133,770 in cash and deferred receipt of 1,820 shares of common stock pursuant to the Arch Coal, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan").

(1) Each performance-contingent phantom share represents a right to receive one share of common stock or the cash value thereof, unless otherwise deferred at the reporting person's election, pursuant to the Plan.

The reporting person received 18,200 performance-contingent phantom shares on July 28, 2005. One-half of the performance-contingent phantom shares vest if the average closing price of Arch Coal's common stock for a period of 20 consecutive trading days meets or exceeds \$35.00 and the other half of the performance shares vest if the average closing price of Arch Coal's common stock for a period of 20 consecutive trading days meets or exceeds \$40.00, subject, in each case to the achievement of certain financial performance targets. On May 4, 2007, 9,100 performance-contingent phantom shares vested.

(2) Shares of Arch Coal's common stock deferred pursuant to the Plan will be paid in annual installments or in a lump sum, at the reporting person's election, following termination of employment or on the dates specified by the reporting person in his payment election.

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