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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PERRY A MICHAEL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2007

below)

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

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Following (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year)

4. Transactionof Code Derivative (Instr. 8) Securities

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

Derivati Security (Instr. 5)

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

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount
Exercisable Date or
Number
of
Shares

Α

Acquired

Common

Stock

417

(2)

(2)

(A) or

417

Reporting Owners

(1)

Derivative

Security

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

12/31/2007

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PERRY A MICHAEL
ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE
X
ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

Signatures

Phantom

Stock

/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz,
Attorney-in-Fact
01/03/2008

**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).
- 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.

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