ARCH COAL INC Form 4

February 25, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Lang Paul A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

(Last) (Middle) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2008

ONE CITY PLACE DRIVE, SUITE 300

(Street)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

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

Issuer

below)

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (T) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner Other (specify

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Senior VP - Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

Estimated average

burden hours per

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 4. 5. Number of

Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

TransactionDerivative Code Securities

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

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

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative Security

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

or Disposed of

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

Employee

Stock **Options** (right to

buy)

\$ 52.69 02/21/2008

42,900 A

Senior VP - Operations

(1) 02/21/2018

Expiration

Date

Common 42,900 Stock

of Shares

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lang Paul A

ONE CITY PLACE DRIVE

SUITE 300

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

Signatures

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

02/25/2008

**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).
- (1) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 21, 2009.

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