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FORM 4	UNITED	STATES			AND EX 1, D.C. 2(COMMISSIO		3235-0287			
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Form 5 obligations may continue. <i>See</i> Instruction 1(b).	Section 17(Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940										
(Print or Type Respondent	nses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Warnecke David N			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ACI]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
(Last)	(First) (1	Middle	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) CITYPLACE ONE, SUITE 300			(Month/Day/Year) 11/18/2008			Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) VP-Marketing & Trading						
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 						
ST. LOUIS, MO	63144						Person	More than One K	eporting			
(City) ((State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned			
	ansaction Date th/Day/Year)	2A. Deema Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D) 4 and 5) (A)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				Code V	Amount	or (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)					
Reminder: Report on	a separate line	e for each cla	ass of sec	urities bene	•	•	•					
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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	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Pric
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Deriva
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Securi

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)					(Instr.
			Code V	(A) ((D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	11/18/2008	Ι	1,021	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,021	\$ 14 (1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Warnecke David N CITYPLACE ONE SUITE 300 ST. LOUIS, MO 63144			VP-Marketing of	& Trading	
Signatures					
/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz, Attorney-in-Fact		11/20	/2008		
**Signature of Reporting Person		Da	te		
Explanation of Ro	enon	606'			

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) 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"). The shares of phantom stock acquired by the executive officer represent amounts that the executive officer elected to transfer into a hypothetical investment in shares of Arch Coal, Inc. common stock pursuant to the Plan.
- (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.

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