Drexler John T. Form 4 November 05, 2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 * Drexler John T.

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

ONE CITY PLACE, SUITE 300

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/04/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

4. Securities

Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

3.

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

(A)

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 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise any

4. Transactionof Code

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

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

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

(I)

(Instr. 4)

(Check all applicable)

below) Sr. V.P. and CFO

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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(9-02)

Indirect

Issuer

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Owned

Beneficially

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

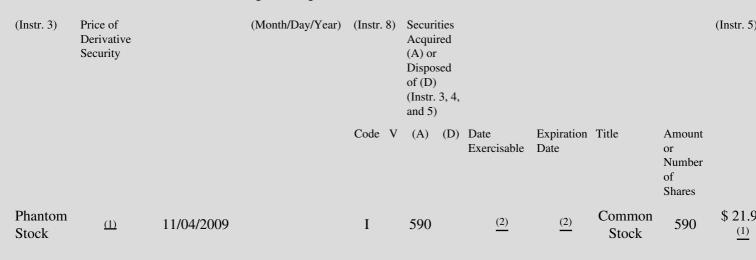
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burden hours per

Derivati Security

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Drexler John T.

ONE CITY PLACE SUITE 300

Sr. V.P. and CFO

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

Signatures

/s/ Robert G. Jones, 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).

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") and represent past

- (1) compensation, the vested portion of restricted stock awards and/or payouts under other incentive compensation arrangements that the Executive Officer elected to defer under the Plan into a hypothetical investment in shares of Arch Coal common stock and/or dividends paid with respect to such deferral amounts.
- (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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