PERRY A MICHAEL

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FORM 4

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)

(Last)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

PERRY A MICHAEL

(First)

(Middle)

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ARCH COAL INC [ACI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Reported

Owned

Beneficially

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

Issuer

below)

X_ Director

Applicable Line)

Officer (give title

(City) (State) (Zip)

> 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code

Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

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

Transaction(s) or (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 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)

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Derivati

Security

(Instr. 5)

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10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Indirect

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(Instr. 4)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

(Check all applicable)

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Se	ecurity				(A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr. and 5)	sed 3, 4,					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom	<u>(1)</u>	12/31/2010	A		428		(2)	(2)	Common	428	\$ 35.0

Acquired

Stock

Reporting Owners

Derivative

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 0	Director	10% Owner	10% Owner Officer					
PERRY A MICHAEL ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141	X							

Signatures

Stock

/s/ Jon S. Ploetz, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Dat

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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