POTTER ROBERT G

Form 4

January 03, 2012

FORM 4

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subject to

Section 16.

Form 4 or

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may continue.

See Instruction

Form 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Check this box STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

> 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

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

POTTER ROBERT G

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

ONECITYPLACE DRIVE

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/30/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

(City) (State)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

4. Securities Code (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)

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

or

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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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 Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

Price of

(Instr. 3)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

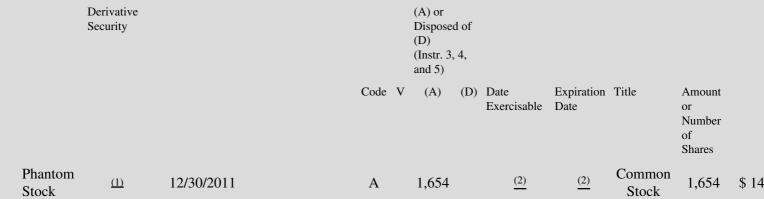
5. Number 4 Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POTTER ROBERT G ONECITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141	X			

Signatures

/s/ Jon S. Ploetz, Attorney-in-Fact 01/03/2012

**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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