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| Form 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April 03, 2012 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FORM 4 | | | ~~~~~ | | | | | | PPROVAL | | |
| | UNITED | STATES | | RITIES A | | | E COMMISSION | NOMB Number: | 3235-028 | 7 | |
| Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 | F CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES | | | | | Expires: Estimated burden hou response | urs per |)5 | | | |
| obligations may continue. <i>See</i> Instruction 1(b). | - | a) of the I | Public U | tility Hol | ding Co | | nge Act of 1934, of 1935 or Section 940 | on | | | |
| (Print or Type Respon | ises) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> PERRY A MICHAEL | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | | |
| | | | ARCH | COAL II | NC [ACI |] | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction(Month/Day/Year)03/30/2012 | | | X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | | | |
| | | | 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 | 63141 | | | | | | Person | | oportung | | |
| (City) (S | State) | (Zip) | Tab | le I - Non-J | Derivative | Securities A | Acquired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly Owned | | |
| | nsaction Date th/Day/Year) | 2A. Deema Execution any (Month/Da | Date, if | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V | Disposed (Instr. 3, | (A) or of (D) | Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| Reminder: Report on | a separate line | for each cla | ass of sect | | | | or indirectly. | | | | |
| | · | | | | Perso inforr requi | ons who res nation con red to resp ays a curre | spond to the colle tained in this form ond unless the fo ntly valid OMB co | n are not rm | SEC 1474 (9-02) | | |

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 | Transactio | onof Derivative | Expiration Date | Underlying Securities | Deriva |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Securi |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired | | | (Instr. |

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| | Derivative Security | | | | (A) orDisposed(D)(Instr. 3, and 5) | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------------|------------|------|---|---|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|-------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock | (1) | 03/30/2012 | А | | 1,401 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 1,401 | \$ 10 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| L O | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| PERRY A MICHAEL ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141 | Х | | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| lal Ian C. Diasta | | | | | | | |

| /s/ Jon S. Ploetz, Attorney-in-Fact | 04/03/2012 |
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| **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")

- phantom stock are need by the director through the Arch Coal, inc. Deterred Compensation Fian for Non-Employee Directors (the Fian 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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