ARCH COAL INC Form 4 March 02, 2015

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JONES ROBERT G

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2015

3.

below)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

Issuer

Director

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	\$ 4.1	02/26/2015		A		90,750		<u>(1)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	90,750
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 4.1	02/26/2015		A		90,750		(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	90,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JONES ROBERT G ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

Sr. VP-Law, Gen Counsel & Secy

Signatures

/s/ Jon S. Ploetz, Attorney-in-Fact 03/02/2015

**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).
- (1) The reporting person received 90,750 performance shares on February 26, 2015. The performance shares vest on February 26, 2018.
- (2) The performance shares do not expire.
- (3) The reporting person received 90,750 restricted stock units on February 26, 2015. The restricted stock units vest on February 26, 2018.
- (4) The restricted stock units do not expire.

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