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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ARCH COAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

43-0921172

incorporation or organization)

(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification

CityPlace One, Suite 300 St. Louis, Missouri 63141 (314) 994-2700

(Address, including ZIP code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Robert G. Jones

Vice President--Law & General Counsel

Arch Coal, Inc.

CityPlace One, Suite 300

St. Louis, Missouri 63141

(314) 994-2700

(Name, address, including ZIP code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. [_]

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. [_]

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. [X] 333-45198

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c)

under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. [_]

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box. $[_]$

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE							
Title of each class of securities to be registered		offering price	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (2)				
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	\$7 , 554						
(1) Includes 140,265 shares that the underwriter may purchase to cover overallotments. (2) Based upon the public offering price.							

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This registration statement is being filed with respect to the registration of additional shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, of Arch Coal, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Company"), pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Rule 462(b)"). Pursuant to Rule 462(b), the contents of the registration statement of the Company (File No. 333-45198), as amended, which was declared effective on February 14, 2001 (the "Earlier Registration Statement"), including the exhibits thereto, are incorporated by reference into this registration statement. The form of prospectus contained in such Earlier Registration Statement will reflect the aggregate amount of securities registered in this Registration Statement and the Earlier Registration Statement.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, on February 15, 2001.

Arch Coal, Inc.

/s/ Steven F. Leer
By:
Steven F. Leer
President and Chief Executive
Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Capacity	Date		
/s/ Steven F. Leer Steven F. Leer	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	February 15, 2001		
/s/ Robert J. Messey Robert J. Messey	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	February 15, 2001		
/s/ John W. Lorson John W. Lorson	Controller and Chief Accounting Officer	February 15, 2001		
*	Director			
Philip W. Block *	Director			
James R. Boyd *	Director			
Thomas L. Feazell *	Director			
Robert L. Hintz	Director			
Douglas H. Hunt				
James L. Parker	Director			
* A. Michael Perry	Director			
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Signature	Capacity 	Date		

*		Director			
	Theodore D. Sands				
	*	Director			
Ig	nacio Dominguez Urquijo				
*By:	/s/ Robert G. Jones		February	15,	2001
-1·	Attorney-in-Fact				
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Exhibit No.	D -	escription			
5.1	Opinion of Robert G. Jones as to the legality of the shares being registered (filed herewith)				
23.1	Consent of Robert G. Jones (included in Exhibit 5.1)				
23.2	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP (filed herewith)				
24	Power of Attorney (incorporated by reference from the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-45198) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission September 6, 2000)				