

ARCH COAL INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE  
(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/06/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP-Law, Gen. Counsel & Secy

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/06/2006		M	V	Amount \$ 22.9	14,776	D
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S		\$ 77.65	12,076	D
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S		\$ 77.6	10,476	D
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S		\$ 77.79	8,976	D
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S		\$ 77.75	7,776	D
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S		\$ 77.72	6,676	D

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Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 77.7	5,676	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	600	D	\$ 77.66	5,076	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	400	D	\$ 77.68	4,676	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	300	D	\$ 77.69	4,376	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	200	D	\$ 77.74	4,176	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	200	D	\$ 77.67	3,976	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	100	D	\$ 77.81	3,876	D	
Common Stock						2,181	I	By 401(k) plan

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options	\$ 22.9	03/06/2006		M	10,900	01/01/2004 06/30/2006	Common Stock	10,900

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

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ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

VP-Law, Gen. Counsel & Secy

## Signatures

/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/08/2006

        \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

        Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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