

JONES ROBERT G
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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

(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)
02/23/2007

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2007 | | A | 868 A (1) 2,455 | | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/26/2007 | | A | 1,400 A (2) 3,855 | | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,392 | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 02/23/2007 | | M | 868 | (4) (5) | Common Stock 868 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 02/26/2007 | | M | 1,400 | (6) (5) | Common Stock 1,400 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 32.99 | 02/22/2007 | | A | 53,250 | (7) 02/21/2017 | Common Stock 53,250 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JONES ROBERT G ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141 | | | VP-Law, Gen. Counsel & Secy | |

Signatures

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

02/27/2007

**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 2,600 restricted stock units on February 23, 2006. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. Upon vesting of 868 restricted stock units on January 23, 2007, the reporting person received 868 shares of common stock.

(2) The reporting person received 5,600 restricted stock units on February 24, 2005. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. Upon vesting of 1,866 restricted stock units on February 26, 2007, the reporting person received 1,400 shares of common stock and deferred receipt of 466 shares of common stock pursuant to the Arch Coal, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

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- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a right to receive one share of common stock unless otherwise deferred, at the reporting person's election, pursuant to the Arch Coal, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) The reporting person received 2,600 restricted stock units on February 23, 2006. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. On February 23, 2007, 868 restricted stock units vested.
- (5) The restricted stock units do not expire.
- (6) The reporting person received 5,600 restricted stock units on February 24, 2005. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. On February 26, 2007, 1,866 restricted stock units vested.
- (7) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2008.

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