JONES ROBERT G

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE

(Middle)

ARCH COAL INC [ACI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

02/23/2012

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

(Check all applicable)

Sr. VP-Law, Gen Counsel & Secy

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

(Instr. 4)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 4)

Reported (A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	8)	Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ed of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options	\$ 13.93	02/23/2012		A		55,300		<u>(1)</u>	02/23/2022	Common Stock	55,300
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 13.93	02/23/2012		A		21,900		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	21,900

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

**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).
- The options vest ratably over 3 years as follows: 18,434 shares vest on February 23, 2013; 18,433 shares vest on February 23, 2014; and 18,433 shares vest on February 23, 2015.
- (2) The reporting person received 21,900 restricted stock units on February 23, 2012. The restricted stock units vest on February 23, 2015.
- (3) The restricted stock units do not expire.

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