

ARCH COAL INC

Form 4

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FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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
____X____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify
below) below)

VP-Law, Gen. Counsel & Secy

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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)
Common Stock	03/06/2006		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 10,900 A \$ 22.9	14,776	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S	2,700 D \$ 77.65	12,076	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S	1,600 D \$ 77.6	10,476	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S	1,500 D \$ 77.79	8,976	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S	1,200 D \$ 77.75	7,776	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S	1,100 D \$ 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	
CommonStock	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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	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

Reporting Owners

JONES ROBERT G
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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