PEUGH DAVID B

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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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PEUGH DAVID B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ACI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check air approacte)			
ONECITYPLACE DRIVE		Ξ	(Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2005	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President - Bus Dev			
(Street) ST. LOUIS, MO 63141			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(State) 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	3. Transaction	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial		
(msu: 5)		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(mstr. 3,	(A)		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	01/31/2005		A	1,008	A	\$ 36.55	4,674	D			
Common Stock	01/31/2005		A	0	A	\$ 0	990	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code V	and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/31/2005		M	1,008	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	1,008	\$ 3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PEUGH DAVID B

ONECITYPLACE DRIVE Vice President - Bus Dev

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

Signatures

/s/ Janet L. Horgan, Attorney-in-Fact 02/02/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) 1-for-1
- (2) Vested on January 31, 2005 based on the closing price of Arch Coal, Inc.'s common stock on January 31, 2005.
- (3) There is no expiration date for the Restricted Stock Units.

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