

PEUGH DAVID B  
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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 \*  
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)  
ONECITYPLACE DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/09/2005

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Vice President - Bus Dev

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_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 (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	09/09/2005		M	19,388 A \$ 18.15	0	D	
Common Stock	09/09/2005		M	19,388 A \$ 22.6	0	D	
Common Stock	09/09/2005		S	28,776 D \$ 63.351	7,698	D	
Common Stock	09/09/2005		S	10,000 D \$ 63.514	1,027	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	\$ 18.15	09/09/2005		M	19,388	(1) 02/29/2012	Common Stock	19,388
Employee Stock Options	\$ 22.6	09/09/2005		M	19,388	(2) 04/25/2012	Common Stock	19,388

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PEUGH DAVID B ONECITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141			Vice President - Bus Dev	

## Signatures

/s/ Janet L. Horgan,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 09/13/2005

\*\*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) 6,463 shares vested on February 28, 2003; 6,463 shares vested on February 29, 2004; and 6,462 shares vested on February 28, 2005.

(2) 6,463 shares vested on April 25, 2003; 6,463 shares vested on April 25, 2004; and 6,462 shares vested on April 25, 2005.

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