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obligations may continue	<i>See</i> Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940										
(Print or Type Resp	onses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> LORSON JOHN W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ACI]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle)						eck all applicabl	e)		
ONE CITYPLA	(Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2012				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) VP & Chief Acctg Officer						
	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 							
ST. LOUIS, MO	D 63141						Person	More than One K	eporung		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
	ransaction Date nth/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	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)	f	
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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	D
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	S

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquire (A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)	ed of				
				Code V	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options	\$ 13.93	02/23/2012		А	5,950		<u>(1)</u>	02/23/2022	Common Stock	5,950
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 13.93	02/23/2012		A	2,350		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	2,350

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
LORSON JOHN W ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141			VP & Chief Acctg Officer					
Signatures								

Signatur

/s/ Jon S. Ploetz, 02/27/2012 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: 1,984 shares vest on February 23, 2013; 1,983 shares vest on February 23, 2014; and (1) 1,983 shares vest on February 23, 2015.
- (2) The reporting person received 2,350 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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