

ARCH COAL INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Slone Deck

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE, SUITE 300

(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)  
05/15/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP Investor Rel & Public Aff

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/15/2008		M		6,300 A \$ 9.08	17,100	D
Common Stock	05/15/2008		M		5,800 A \$ 10.98	22,900	D
Common Stock	05/15/2008		M		12,600 A \$ 11.3	35,500	D
Common Stock	05/15/2008		S		5,400 D \$ 63.55	30,100	D
Common Stock	05/15/2008		S		4,300 D \$ 63.65	25,800	D

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Common Stock	05/15/2008	S	3,000	D	\$ 63.8	22,800	D
Common Stock	05/15/2008	S	7,800	D	\$ 63.85	15,000	D
Common Stock	05/15/2008	S	1,300	D	\$ 63.88	13,700	D
Common Stock	05/15/2008	S	1,200	D	\$ 63.9	12,500	D
Common Stock	05/15/2008	S	1,700	D	\$ 63.95	10,800	D

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 (right to buy)	\$ 9.08	05/15/2008		M	6,300	<u>(1)</u>	02/29/2012	Common Stock	6,300
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 10.98	05/15/2008		M	5,800	<u>(2)</u>	02/22/2011	Common Stock	5,800
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 11.3	05/15/2008		M	12,600	<u>(3)</u>	04/25/2012	Common Stock	12,600

# Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Slone Deck ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE SUITE 300 ST. LOUIS, MO 63141			VP Investor Rel & Public Aff	

# Signatures

/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz, 05/15/2008  
 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).
  - (1) The reporting person received 12,600 stock options on February 28, 2002. The stock options vested ratably over a four-year period as follows: 3,150 stock options vested on February 28, 2003; 3,150 stock options vested on February 28, 2004; 3,150 stock options vested on February 28, 2005 and 3,150 stock options vested on February 28, 2006.
  - (2) The reporting person received 5,800 stock options on February 22, 2001. The stock options vested ratably over a three-year period as follows: 1,934 stock options vested on February 22, 2002; 1,933 stock options vested on February 22, 2003; and 1,933 stock options vested on February 22, 2004.
  - (3) The reporting person received 12,600 stock options on April 25, 2002. The stock options vested ratably over a four-year period as follows: 3,150 stock options vested on April 25, 2003; 3,150 stock options vested on April 25, 2004; 3,150 stock options vested on April 25, 2005 and 3,150 stock options vested on April 25, 2006.

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