FELDMAN SHEILA B

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FELDMAN SHEILA B Issuer Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ACI] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify **ONECITYPLACE DRIVE** 01/14/2006 below) below) VP - Human Resources (Street) 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 ST. LOUIS, MO 63141 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 01/14/2006 A 438 Α (1) 2,410 D Stock

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)

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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)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. 5
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/14/2006		M	438	(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	438	<u>(1)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FELDMAN SHEILA B ONECITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

VP - Human Resources

Signatures

/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz, Attorney-in-Fact

01/18/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The reporting person received 2,627 restricted stock units on January 14, 2004. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. Upon vesting of 876 restricted stock units on January 14, 2006, the reporting person received 438 shares of common stock and deferred receipt of 438 shares of common stock pursuant to the Arch Coal, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a right to receive one share of common stock unless otherwise deferred, at the reporting person's election, pursuant to the Arch Coal, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) The reporting person received 2,627 restricted stock units on January 14, 2004. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. On January 14, 2006, 876 restricted stock units vested.
- (4) The restricted stock units do not expire.

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