ARCH COAL INC Form SC 13D/A December 18, 2018

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934\*

(Amendment No. 5)

Arch Coal, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01

(Title of Class of Securities)

039380407

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

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December 14, 2018 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Schedule)

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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| 1   | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON                                    |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
|   | Mon   | arch Alternative Capital LP   |  |
| 2   | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF (a)<br>A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b) |   |  |
| 3   | SEC USE ONLY  |   |  |
| 4   | SOU<br>N/A  | IRCE OF FUNDS   |  |
| 5   | LEG   | ECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF<br>FAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED<br>SUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) |  |
| 6   | ORC   | ZENSHIP OR PLACE OF<br>GANIZATION<br>ware   |  |
|   | 7   | SOLE VOTING POWER 0   |  |
| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY<br>EACH | 8   | SHARED VOTING POWER 1,558,732   |  |
| REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH                                | 9   | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0  |  |
|   | 10  | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,558,732  |  |

| 11 | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON 1,558,732                |
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| 12 | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE<br>AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES<br>CERTAIN SHARES |
| 13 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED<br>BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)<br>8.29%              |
| 14 | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON<br>PN, IA  |

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|   | MDI  | RA GP LP   |  |
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| 1   |           | ME OF REPORTING PERSON narch GP LLC  |            |
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| 2   |           | ECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX<br>A MEMBER OF A GROUP   | (a)<br>(b) |
| 3   | SE        | C USE ONLY   |            |
| 4   | SO<br>N/A | URCE OF FUNDS<br>A   |            |
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This Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13D (this "Amendment No. 5") is being filed with respect to the common shares, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of Arch Coal, Inc. (the "Issuer"), to amend the Schedule 13D filed on October 17, 2016 (together with Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D filed on November 22, 2016, Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13D filed on September 15, 2017, Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D filed on December 12, 2017 and Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13D filed on December 3, 2018 (which was inadvertently filed as Schedule 13D), the "Schedule 13D"). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule 13D.

Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction.

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended to include the following:

On December 14, 2018, in an effort to assist the Issuer in its share buyback program by making shares of Common Stock available for purchase in addition to the shares available in the open market, MAC proposed to the Issuer that the Issuer repurchase 558,000 shares of Common Stock from the Funds at a price of \$87.00 per share. The Issuer declined MAC's proposal, indicating that it has been satisfied with the number of shares that it has been able to purchase through open market transactions.

[Signatures on following page]

#### **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 18, 2018 MONARCH ALTERNATIVE CAPITAL LP By: MDRA GP LP, its General Partner

By: Monarch GP LLC, its General Partner

By:/s/ Michael Weinstock Name: Michael Weinstock Title: Member

Dated: December 18, 2018 MDRA GP LP

By: Monarch GP LLC, its General Partner

By:/s/ Michael Weinstock Name: Michael Weinstock Title: Member

Dated: December 18, 2018 MONARCH GP LLC

By:/s/ Michael Weinstock Name: Michael Weinstock Title: Member