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Form 5 obligation may cont <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	ns inue. Section 17((a) of the l	Public U	Jtility Hol	ding Con		nge Act of 1934, of 1935 or Secti 940	,		
(Print or Type I	Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Jones J. Thomas			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
				COAL IN			(Ch	eck all applicabl	e)	
(Last) ONE CITYI 300	(First) (PLACE DRIVE,	Middle)		of Earliest T Day/Year) 2012	ransaction		X Director Officer (gi below)		% Owner her (specify	
	(Street)			endment, D onth/Day/Yea	-	1	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by	Joint/Group Fili	erson	
ST. LOUIS,	MO 63141						Person	More than One R	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-I	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da	ed Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit	ies (A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect	
				Code V	Amount	(D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Reminder: Rep	ort on a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities bene	ficially own	ned directly of	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Derivativ
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Derivative	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security

number.

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8		Secur Acqu (A) o Dispo of (D (Instr and 5	ired r osed) : 3, 4,					(Instr. 5)
				Code Y	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	09/24/2012		J <u>(2)</u>			652	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	652	\$ 6.6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Jones J. Thomas ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE SUITE 300 ST. LOUIS, MO 63141	Х			
Signatures				
/s/ Jon S. Ploetz, Attorney-in-Fact	(9/26/2012		

<u>**</u>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) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one share of Arch Coal, Inc. common stock or the cash value thereof.
- (2) Transaction reflects the reporting persons sale of 652 shares of Arch Coal Stock pursuant to a domestic relations order. The reporting person no longer reports as beneficial owner of any securities owned by his former spouse.
- (3) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the director's service as a director of Arch Coal, Inc. The director may transfer certain portions of the phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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