Taylor Wes M Form 4 December 18, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Taylor Wes M

(Zip)

(First)

(Middle)

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ARCH COAL INC [ACI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

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6. Ownership

Form: Direct

7. Nature of

Indirect

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

(City) (State)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

or

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

5. Amount of

Securities

Code V Amount (D) Price

number.

Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

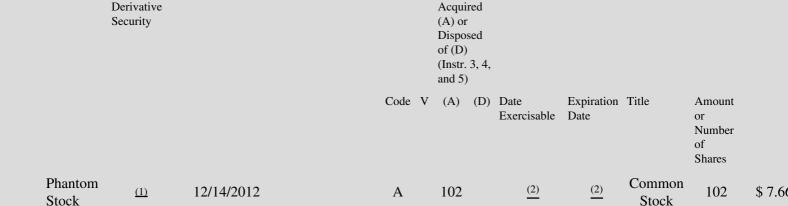
4. Transactionof Code Derivative (Instr. 8) Securities

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

Derivati Security (Instr. 5)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Taylor Wes M ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141	X			

Signatures

/s/ Jon S. Ploetz, 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).
- Each share of phantom stock represents a right to receive the value in cash of one share of Arch Coal, Inc. common stock. The shares of phantom stock are held by the director through the Arch Coal, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan"). The shares of phantom stock acquired by the director represent dividends attributable to amounts that the director elected to defer under the Plan into a hypothetical investment in shares of Arch Coal, Inc. common stock.
- (2) 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 amounts held in the phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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