

ARCH COAL INC

Form 4

March 08, 2006

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**JONES ROBERT G**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE**

(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)

**03/06/2006**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

VP-Law, Gen. Counsel & Secy

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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)
Common Stock	03/06/2006		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 10,900 A \$ 22.9	14,776	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S	2,700 D \$ 77.65	12,076	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S	1,600 D \$ 77.6	10,476	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S	1,500 D \$ 77.79	8,976	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S	1,200 D \$ 77.75	7,776	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		S	1,100 D \$ 77.72	6,676	D	

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Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 77.7	5,676	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	600	D	\$ 77.66	5,076	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	400	D	\$ 77.68	4,676	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	300	D	\$ 77.69	4,376	D	
CommonStock	03/06/2006	S	200	D	\$ 77.74	4,176	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	200	D	\$ 77.67	3,976	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006	S	100	D	\$ 77.81	3,876	D	
Common Stock						2,181	I	By 401(k) plan

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	\$ 22.9	03/06/2006		M		10,900		01/01/2004	06/30/2006	Common Stock	10,900

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reporting Owners

JONES ROBERT G  
ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

VP-Law, Gen. Counsel & Secy

## Signatures

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

03/08/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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