ARCH COAL INC Form 4

February 27, 2007

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

(First)

LEER STEVEN F

(Middle)

(Zip)

Symbol

ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

02/22/2007

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner

X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify Chairman and CEO

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

below)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

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

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

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

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

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	Í	Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	f (D)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.99	02/22/2007		A		133,050		<u>(1)</u>	02/21/2017	Common Stock	133,05

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
<b>Fg</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
LEER STEVEN F ONECITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141	X		Chairman and CEO					

# **Signatures**

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

02/27/2007

\*\*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) The option vests in three equal annual installmetns beginning on February 22, 2008.

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