

LORSON JOHN W
Form 4
September 30, 2010

FORM 4

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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LORSON JOHN W

(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)
09/29/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

VP & Chief Acctg Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/29/2010		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 5,600 A \$ 10.98	5,600	D	
Common Stock	09/29/2010		S	300 D \$ 26.46	5,300	D	
Common Stock	09/29/2010		S	1,000 D \$ 26.45	4,300	D	
Common Stock	09/29/2010		S	4,300 D \$ 26.44	0	D	
Common Stock					673	I	by 401(k) plan

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 10.98	09/29/2010		M	5,600	<u>(1)</u> 02/22/2011	Common Stock	5,600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
LORSON JOHN W ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141	VP & Chief Acctg Officer

Signatures

/s/ Jon S. Ploetz,
Attorney-in-Fact 09/30/2010

**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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The reporting person received a stock option to acquire 5,600 shares of common stock on February 22, 2001. The stock options vested (1) ratably over a three year period as follows: 1,867 stock options vested on February 22, 2002; 1,867 stock options vested on February 22, 2003; and 1,866 stock options vested on February 22, 2004.

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