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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PERRY A MICHAEL

(First)

(Street)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Last)

(Middle)

ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Check all applicable) X_ Director

10% Owner

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

06/30/2006

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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Person

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

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s)

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

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 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)

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Security

(Instr. 5)

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Security (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration Title** Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Phantom Common (2) 06/30/2006 07/06/2006 236 (2) 236 \$ 42.3 (1) Α

Acquired

Stock

Reporting Owners

Derivative

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PERRY A MICHAEL

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE X

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

Signatures

Stock

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

07/07/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** 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") and represent past compensation that the director elected to defer under the Plan into a hypothetical investment in shares of Arch Coal, Inc. common stock and/or dividends attributable to such deferred amounts.
- (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 certain portions of the phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.
- (3) The director's phantom stock account has been adjusted for the two-for-one stock dividend in the form of a 100% stock dividend, payable by Arch Coal, Inc. on May 15, 2006 to all holders of record of common stock on May 5, 2006.

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