ARCH COAL INC

Form 4 June 19, 2006

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

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

(First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

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

06/15/2006

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

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

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(State)

(Zip)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

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

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s)

or (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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

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

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. 5. TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) Derivative

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

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

Derivative Security (Instr. 5)

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			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	(1)	06/15/2006	A		30		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	30	\$ 41.3

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
PERRY A MICHAEL ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141	X							

# **Signatures**

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

06/19/2006

\*\*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"). 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 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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