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(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Jones J. Thomas			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ACI]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Che	Check all applicable)			
ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE, SUITE 300			(Month/Day/Year) 06/29/2012			X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)					
	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							
ST. LOUIS	S, MO 63141						Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-l	Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Pric
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Deriva
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Securi

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/	Year) (Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			(Instr.		
			Code N	(A) ((D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	06/29/2012	А	5,261	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	5,261	\$ 6.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Jones J. Thomas ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE SUITE 300 ST. LOUIS, MO 63141	Х						
Signatures							
/s/ Jon S. Ploetz, Attorney-in-Fact	C	07/02/2012					
<u>**</u>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")

- phantom stock are need by the director through the Arch Coal, inc. Deferred Compensation Fian for Non-Employee Directors (the Fian 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 amounts held in the phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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