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FORM 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE

(Middle)

below)

02/28/2013

VP & Chief Acctg Officer

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(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.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options	\$ 5.23	02/28/2013		A		11,800		<u>(1)</u>	02/28/2023	Common Stock	11,800
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 5.23	02/28/2013		A		5,700		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	5,700

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

**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).
- The options vest ratably over 3 years as follows: 3,934 shares vest on February 28, 2014; 3,934 shares vest on February 28, 2015; and 3,933 shares vest on February 28, 2016.
- (2) The reporting person received 5,700 restricted stock units on February 28, 2013. The restricted stock units vest on February 28, 2016.
- (3) The restricted stock units do not expire.

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