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(Print or Type	Responses)									
1. Name and Cochran K	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
			ARCH COAL INC [ACI]				(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE, SUITE 300			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/06/2016				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Sr. VP - Operations			
				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							More than One R		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-I	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Reminder: Re	port on a separate line	e for each cla	ass of sec	urities benef	-	ned directly of	•			
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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. Price
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onof	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Derivativ
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Derivative	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				(Instr. 5)		
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	01/06/2016	М		435	<u>(1)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	435	\$ 0.93

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Cochran Kenneth D. ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE SUITE 300 ST. LOUIS, MO 63141			Sr. VP - Operations					
Signatures								
/s/ Robert G. Jones, Attorney-in-Fact		01/07/201	6					

**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).
- (1) Each share of phantom stock entitled the reporting person to receive the cash value of one share of common stock. The lump sum amount is based on the value of their account on December 22, 2015.
- (2) The phantom stock does not expire.

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