

ARCH COAL INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEER STEVEN F

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONECITYPLACE DRIVE
(Street)
ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/25/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/25/2007 | | S | | 500 | D | \$ 37.49 171,510 D |
| Common stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/25/2007 | | S | | 900 | D | \$ 37.5 170,610 D |
| Common stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/25/2007 | | S | | 1,000 | D | \$ 37.51 169,610 D |
| Common stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/25/2007 | | S | | 1,500 | D | \$ 37.52 168,110 D |
| Common stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/25/2007 | | S | | 300 | D | \$ 37.53 167,810 D |

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|-------------------------|------------|---|--------|---|----------|---------|---|
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 400 | D | \$ 37.54 | 167,410 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 6,500 | D | \$ 37.55 | 160,910 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 7,700 | D | \$ 37.58 | 153,210 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 15,700 | D | \$ 37.6 | 137,510 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 1,900 | D | \$ 37.61 | 135,610 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 9,300 | D | \$ 37.62 | 126,310 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 7,800 | D | \$ 37.63 | 118,510 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 14,400 | D | \$ 37.65 | 104,110 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 37.66 | 102,110 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 2,200 | D | \$ 37.68 | 99,910 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 12,000 | D | \$ 37.7 | 87,910 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 13,000 | D | \$ 37.73 | 74,910 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 3,000 | D | \$ 37.74 | 71,910 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 7,500 | D | \$ 37.75 | 64,410 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 2,800 | D | \$ 37.75 | 61,610 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 900 | D | \$ 37.76 | 60,710 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 2,900 | D | \$ 37.77 | 57,810 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 700 | D | \$ 37.78 | 57,110 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 11,900 | D | \$ 37.8 | 45,210 | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | S | 1,400 | D | \$ 37.81 | 43,810 | D |
| | 10/25/2007 | S | 9,200 | D | | 34,610 | D |

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| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | | | | | \$ | | | | | 37.85 |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | | S | 15,300 | D | \$ 37.9 | 19,310 | | | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | | S | 8,800 | D | \$ 37.91 | 10,510 | | | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 37.92 | 9,510 | | | D |
| Common stock <u>(1)</u> | 10/25/2007 | | S | 8,500 | D | \$ 37.93 | 1,010 | | | D |

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LEER STEVEN F ONECITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141 | X | | Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

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

10/29/2007

__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) The exercise of employee stock options and sale of underlying shares of common stock by the executive officer reported on this Form 4 were affected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

Remarks:

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