

Slone Deck  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Slone Deck

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE, SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/23/2007

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

VP Investor Rel & Public Aff

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/23/2007		A		500	A	Ⓛ 500
						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)**

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	02/23/2007		M	500	(3) (4)	Common Stock 500
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.99	02/22/2007		A	17,700	(5) 02/21/2017	Common Stock 17,700

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Slone Deck ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE SUITE 300 ST. LOUIS, MO 63141	Director 10% Owner Officer Other VP Investor Rel & Public Aff

## Signatures

/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz, 02/27/2007  
 Attorney-in-Fact Date  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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 reporting person received 1,500 restricted stock units on February 23, 2006. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. Upon vesting of 500 restricted stock units on February 23, 2007, the reporting person received 500 shares of common stock.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a right to receive one share of common stock unless otherwise deferred, at the reporting person's election, pursuant to the Arch Coal, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) The reporting person received 1,500 restricted stock units on February 23, 2006. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. On February 23, 2007, 500 restricted stock units vested.
- (4) The restricted stock units do not expire.
- (5) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2008.

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