

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 *
EAVES JOHN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE CITYPLACE 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)
05/15/2007

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)
President & COO

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) | (A) or (D) | 5. Amount or Price | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|--------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/15/2007 | | M | 26,500 | A | \$ 13.94 | 63,819 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/15/2007 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.27 | 63,719 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/15/2007 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.28 | 63,619 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/15/2007 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.29 | 63,519 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/15/2007 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.32 | 63,419 | D | |

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|-------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.33 | 63,319 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 300 | D | \$ 38.34 | 63,019 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.36 | 62,919 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.37 | 62,819 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.38 | 62,719 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.41 | 62,619 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.45 | 62,519 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.46 | 62,419 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.47 | 62,319 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.51 | 62,219 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.52 | 62,119 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.56 | 62,019 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.57 | 61,919 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 200 | D | \$ 38.59 | 61,719 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 400 | D | \$ 38.61 | 61,319 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 900 | D | \$ 38.63 | 60,419 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 200 | D | \$ 38.64 | 60,219 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 1,100 | D | \$ 38.65 | 59,119 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 300 | D | \$ 38.66 | 58,819 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/15/2007 | S | 400 | D | \$ 38.67 | 58,419 | D |
| | 05/15/2007 | S | 1,000 | D | | 57,419 | D |

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|-----------------------------|------------|--|---|-------|-------|----|--------|---|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | \$ | | | |
| | | | | | 38.68 | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/15/2007 | | S | 300 | D | \$ | 57,119 | D |
| | | | | | 38.69 | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/15/2007 | | S | 400 | D | \$ | 56,719 | D |
| | | | | | 38.7 | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/15/2007 | | S | 800 | D | \$ | 55,919 | D |
| | | | | | 38.71 | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/15/2007 | | S | 1,000 | D | \$ | 54,919 | D |
| | | | | | 38.72 | | | |

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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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 13.94 | 05/15/2007 | | M | 26,500 | ⁽²⁾ 07/23/2007 | Common Stock | 26,500 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EAVES JOHN W ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141 | X | | President & COO | |

Signatures

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

05/17/2007

__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 effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the executive officer on December 21, 2006.
- (2) The reporting person received 26,500 stock options on July 23, 1997. The stock options vested ratably over a three year period as follows: 8,834 stock options vested on July 23, 1998; 8,833 stock options vested on July 23, 1999 and 8,833 stock options vested on July 23, 2000.

Remarks:

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