LORSON JOHN W

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

obligations may continue. See Instruction

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LORSON JOHN W			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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
ONE CITYPL	ACE DRIV	E	(Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2008	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Controller			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
ST. LOUIS, MO 63141			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction(A) or Disp Code (Instr. 3, 4 (Instr. 8)				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)	02/01/2008		Code V M	Amount 4,000	(D)	Price \$ 11.44	4,000	D	
Common Stock (1)	02/01/2008		S	2,000	D	\$ 46	2,000	D	
Common Stock (1)	02/01/2008		S	2,000	D	\$ 47	0	D	
Common Stock							521	I	By 401(k) plan

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 11.44	02/01/2008		M	4,000	(2)	07/22/2008	Common Stock	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LORSON JOHN W

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE Controller

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

Signatures

/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz,
Attorney-in-Fact
02/05/2008

**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 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.
- The reported person received 6,000 stock options on July 22, 1998. The stock options vested ratably over a three year period as follows: 2,000 stock options vested on February 22, 1999; 2,000 stock options vested on February 22, 2000; and 2,000 stock options vested on February 22, 2001

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