

EAVES JOHN W  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
01/30/2006

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)  
Executive VP & COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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                    | 01/30/2006                           |  | A                              |   | 3,660   | A  | 11                                |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | 20,129                            |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | 1,635                             |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 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. 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. Pr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (2)  | 01/30/2006                           |  | M                              | 3,660   | (3) (4)  | Common Stock  | 3,660 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| EAVES JOHN W<br>ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE<br>ST. LOUIS, MO 63141 |               |           | Executive VP & COO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz,    02/01/2006  
 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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 reporting person received 21,959 restricted stock units on January 30, 2004. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. Upon vesting of 7,320 restricted stock units on January 30, 2006, the reporting person received 3,660 shares of common stock and deferred receipt of 3,660 shares of common stock pursuant to the Arch Coal, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

(1) 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.

(2) The reporting person received 21,959 restricted stock units on January 30, 2004. The restricted stock units vest ratably over a three-year period. On January 30, 2006, 7,320 restricted stock units vested.

(3) The restricted stock units do not expire.

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