ARCH COAL INC Form 4 March 02, 2015

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

obligations may continue. See Instruction

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Drexler John T.

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) ONE CITY PLACE, SUITE 300 02/26/2015

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Sr. V.P. and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X 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

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	f (D)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Performance Shares	\$ 4.1	02/26/2015		A		123,250		<u>(1)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	123,250
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 4.1	02/26/2015		A		123,250		(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	123,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				

Drexler John T.

ONE CITY PLACE SUITE 300

Sr. V.P. and CFO

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

Signatures

/s/ Jon S. Ploetz, Attorney-in-Fact 03/02/2015

**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 reporting person received 123,250 performance shares on February 26, 2015. The performance shares vest on February 26, 2018.
- (2) The performance shares do not expire.
- (3) The reporting person received 123,250 restricted stock units on February 26, 2015. The restricted stock units vest on February 26, 2018.
- (4) The restricted stock units do not expire.

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