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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** FELDMAN SHEILA B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			ARCH COAL INC [ACI]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	•			
ONECITYPLACE DRIVE			(Month/Day/Year) 09/02/2005	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP - Human Resources			
	(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)		· ID· I c D c· II O			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y 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. Securi on(A) or Do (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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	09/02/2005		M	2,000	A	\$ 17.44	0	D	
Common Stock	09/02/2005		S	900	D	\$ 63.45	0	D	
Common Stock	09/02/2005		S	1,000	D	\$ 63.46	0	D	
Common Stock	09/02/2005		S	100	D	\$ 63.51	1,972	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)

Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities		Derivative Expiration Date curities (Month/Day/Year) quired or sposed of		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options	\$ 17.44	09/02/2005		M		2,000	02/03/2005	02/03/2013	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FELDMAN SHEILA B ONECITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

VP - Human Resources

Signatures

/s/ Janet L. Horgan, Attorney-in-Fact 09/07/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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