

WOODRING KENNETH G
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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 *
WOODRING KENNETH G

(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)
10/21/2004

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)
Exec. VP-Mining Operations

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)	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 ⁽¹⁾	10/21/2004		M		18,550	A	\$ 22.6 0	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/21/2004		S		16,400	D	\$ 34 0	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/21/2004		S		2,150	D	\$ 33.5 0	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/21/2004		M		9,300	A	\$ 21.95 0	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/21/2004		S		9,300	D	\$ 33.5 0	D

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Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/21/2004	M	21,350	A	\$ 18.15	0	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/21/2004	S	16,400	D	\$ 33.25	0	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/21/2004	S	4,950	D	\$ 33.5	0	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/22/2004	M	13,600	A	\$ 22.875	0	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/22/2004	S	13,600	D	\$ 34.5	0	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/22/2004	M	2,800	A	\$ 22.6	11,107	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/22/2004	S	2,800	D	\$ 34.5	2,378	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. 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	\$ 22.6	10/21/2004		M	18,550	04/25/2003 04/25/2012	Common Stock 18,550
Employee Stock Options	\$ 21.95	10/21/2004		M	9,300	02/22/2004 02/22/2011	Common Stock 9,300
Employee Stock Options	\$ 18.15	10/21/2004		M	21,350	02/29/2004 02/29/2012	Common Stock 21,350
Employee Stock	\$ 22.875	10/22/2004		M	13,600	07/22/2001 07/22/2008	Common Stock 13,600

Options											
Employee											
Stock	\$ 22.6	10/22/2004		M	2,800	04/25/2004	04/25/2012	Common		2,800	
Options								Stock			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WOODRING KENNETH G ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63141			Exec. VP-Mining Operations	

Signatures

/s/ Janet L. Horgan,
Attorney-in-Fact

10/25/2004

__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) Cashless exercise of employee stock options pursuant to pre-existing 10b5-1 plan

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