

Warnecke David N
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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 *
 Warnecke David N

(Last) (First) (Middle)

CITYPLACE ONE, SUITE 300

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63144

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/06/2007

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)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common stock ⁽¹⁾	12/06/2007		M	600 A \$ 10.975	6,400	D	
Common stock ⁽¹⁾	12/06/2007		M	6,574 A \$ 11.3	12,974	D	
Common stock ⁽¹⁾	12/06/2007		S	7,174 D \$ 40	5,800	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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The reporting person received 4,600 stock options on February 22, 2001. The stock options vested ratably over a three year period as follows: 1,534 stock options vested on February 22, 2002; 1,533 stock options vested on February 22, 2003; and 1,533 stock options vested on February 22, 2004.

The reporting person received 26,300 stock options on April 25, 2002. The stock options vested ratably over a four year period as follows: 6,575 stock options vested on April 25, 2003; 6,575 stock options vested on April 25, 2004; 6,575 stock options vested on April 25, 2005; and 6,575 stock options vested on April 25, 2006.

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