

Warnecke David N  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

VP-Marketing & Trading

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/06/2007		M	A	\$ 600 10.975	6,400	D
Common stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/06/2007		M	A	\$ 6,574 11.3	12,974	D
Common stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/06/2007		S	D	\$ 7,174 40	5,800	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)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 10.975	12/06/2007		M	600	<sup>(2)</sup> 02/22/2011	Common stock	600
Employee stock option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 11.3	12/06/2007		M	6,574	<sup>(3)</sup> 04/25/2012	Common stock	6,574

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Warnecke David N CITYPLACE ONE SUITE 300 ST. LOUIS, MO 63144	Director 10% Owner Officer VP-Marketing & Trading

## Signatures

/s/ Gregory A. Billhartz  
Attorney-in-fact

12/10/2007

\_\_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 exercise of employee stock options and sale of underlying shares of common stock by the executive officer reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

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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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