

BESTEN C HENRY JR
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BESTEN C HENRY JR (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE, SUITE 300 (Street) ST. LOUIS, MO 63141 (City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARCH COAL INC [ACI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/06/2012 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director ____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below) Senior VP-Strategic Dev. 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/06/2012		I	2,104 A \$ 11.88	12,889	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock					4,650	D	

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

BESTEN C HENRY JR
ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE
SUITE 300
ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Senior VP-Strategic Dev.

Signatures

/s/ Jon S. Ploetz,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/07/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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