BESTEN C HENRY JR

Form 4

August 01, 2005

FORM 4

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

Check this box if no longer

subject to Section 16. Form 4 or

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

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BESTEN CHENRY JR

(First) (Middle)

ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE, SUITE 300

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

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

07/28/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Senior VP-Strategic Dev.

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

below)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Indirect

OMB APPROVAL

3235-0287

January 31,

2005

0.5

OMB

Number:

Expires:

response...

Estimated average

burden hours per

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

Code (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

Owned Following

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

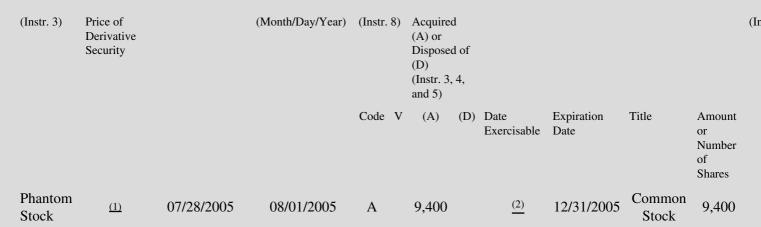
5. Number 4. Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Underlying Securities De (Instr. 3 and 4) Se

1

Edgar Filing: BESTEN C HENRY JR - Form 4



Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Senior VP-Strategic Dev.

BESTEN C HENRY JR ONE CITYPLACE DRIVE SUITE 300

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

Signatures

/s/ Janet L. Horgan, Attorney-in-Fact 08/01/2005

**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) 1-for-1
- (2) The Phantom Stock will vest in the event the Company's common stock hits target prices of \$70.00 or \$80.00 and the Company's financial performance meets certain targets at such time.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

Reporting Owners 2