

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>Monarch Alternative Capital LP</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>535 MADISON AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR</u>  (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10022</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>ARCH COAL INC [ ARCH ]</u>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>See Remarks</u>
	<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>09/13/2017</u>	
	<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>	<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock")	09/13/2017		D		32,060	D	\$74.33	120,908	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
Common Stock	09/13/2017		D		189,544	D	\$74.33	714,821	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)(3)</sup>
Common Stock	09/13/2017		D		128,861	D	\$74.33	485,968	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)(4)</sup>
Common Stock	09/13/2017		D		328,016	D	\$74.33	1,237,035	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)(5)</sup>
Common Stock	09/13/2017		D		71,519	D	\$74.33	0	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)(6)</sup>

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

Monarch Alternative Capital LP

(Last) (First) (Middle)

535 MADISON AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

[MDRA GP LP](#)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
[C/O MONARCH ALTERNATIVE CAPITAL LP](#)  
[535 MADISON AVENUE M 26TH FLOOR](#)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

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**Explanation of Responses:**

1. See Exhibit 99.1
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**Remarks:**

Solely for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, each of Monarch Alternative Capital LP, and by virtue of their control of Monarch Alternative Capital LP, MDRA GP LP and Monarch GP LLC, are directors-by-deputization by virtue of Monarch Alternative Capital LP's designation of Patrick Bartels, a managing principal of Monarch Alternative Capital LP, to ARCH's board of directors. Exhibit List: Exhibit 99.1 - Explanation of Responses Exhibit 99.2 - Joint Filers' Information and Signatures

[MONARCH ALTERNATIVE  
CAPITAL LP, By: /s/ Michael  
A. Weinstock, Chief  
Executive Officer](#) [09/15/2017](#)

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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Designated Filer: MONARCH ALTERNATIVE CAPITAL LP  
Issuer & Ticker Symbol: Arch Coal, Inc. [ARCH]  
Date of Event Requiring Statement: September 13, 2017

#### Explanation of Responses

- (1) This Form 4 is being filed on behalf of Monarch Alternative Capital LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("MAC"), MDRA GP LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("MDRA GP"), and Monarch GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Monarch GP"). MAC serves as the investment advisor to the Funds (as defined below). MDRA GP is the general partner of MAC and Monarch GP is the general partner of MDRA GP. Each of MAC, MDRA GP and Monarch GP may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own shares held directly by the Funds and disclaims beneficial ownership of all such shares except to the extent of any indirect pecuniary interest therein. Each of the transactions reported herein was approved by ARCH in accordance with Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (2) Common Stock held by Monarch Alternative Solutions Master Fund Ltd, a Cayman Islands corporation ("MASMF").
- (3) Common Stock held by Monarch Capital Master Partners III LP, a Cayman Islands limited partnership ("MCMP III").
- (4) Common Stock held by MCP Holdings Master LP, a Cayman Islands limited partnership ("MCPH").
- (5) Common Stock held by Monarch Debt Recovery Master Fund Ltd, a Cayman Islands corporation ("MDRF")
- (6) Common Stock held by P Monarch Recovery Ltd., a British Virgin Islands corporation ("P Monarch", and together with MASMF, MCMP III, MCPH and MDRF, the "Funds").

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### Joint Filer Information and Signatures

#### Joint Filers:

1. Name: MDRA GP LP  
Address: c/o Monarch Alternative Capital LP, 535 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022

#### **MDRA GP LP**

By: Monarch GP LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Michael Weinstock

Name: Michael Weinstock

Title: Chief Executive Officer

September 15, 2017

Date

2. Name: Monarch GP LLC  
Address: c/o Monarch Alternative Capital LP, 535 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022

#### **MONARCH GP LLC**

By: /s/ Michael Weinstock

Name: Michael Weinstock

Title: Chief Executive Officer

September 15, 2017

Date