August 8, 2002

Via Overnight Courier
Mr. Jonathan G. Katz
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20549

Re: Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed are the sworn statements of Steven F. Leer and Robert J. Messey, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of Arch Coal, Inc.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have with the enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Janet L. Horgan

Enclosures
Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings

I, Robert J. Messey, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Arch Coal, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company’s audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- the report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 of Arch Coal, Inc.;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Arch Coal, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Robert J. Messey
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
August 7, 2002

Erika M. Dominick
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
St. Louis County

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of August, 2002

My Commission Expires: 9/30/03

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