ARCH COAL INC Form 8-K September 06, 2001

1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 6, 2001 (September 6, 2001)

Delaware 1-13105 43-0921172

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 994-2700

Page 1 of 4 pages. Exhibit Index begins on page 4.

2

On September 6, 2001, certain members of Arch Coal, Inc.'s management will make a presentation to members of the business and investment community. The text of slides to be shown during the presentation is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

The furnishing of Exhibit 99 is not intended to constitute a representation that such furnishing is required by Regulation FD or that the information it contains includes material investor information that is not otherwise publicly available. Statements in Exhibit 99 which are not statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements within the "safe harbor" provision of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on the information available to, and the expectations and assumptions deemed reasonable by, Arch Coal at the time the statements are made. Because these forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those projected in the statements. These expectations, assumptions and uncertainties include: Arch Coal's expectation of continued growth in the demand for electricity; belief that legislation and regulations relating to the Clean Air Act and the relatively higher costs of competing fuels will increase demand for its compliance and low-sulfur coal; expectation of continued improved market conditions for the price of coal; expectation that Arch Coal will continue to have adequate liquidity from its cash flow from operations, together with available borrowings under its credit facilities, to finance Arch Coal's working capital needs; a variety of operational, geologic, permitting, labor and weather related factors; and the other risks and uncertainties which are described in Arch Coal's periodic and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

- Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
 - (c) The following Exhibit is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit No. Description

99 Text of slides to be shown during Arch Coal's presentation on September 6, 2001.

Page 2 of 4 pages. Exhibit Index begins on page 4.

3

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 6, 2001 ARCH COAL, INC.

By: /s/ Robert G. Jones

Robert G. Jones

Vice President - Law, Secretary and

General Counsel

Page 3 of 4 pages. Exhibit Index begins on page 4.

4

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99 Text of slides to be shown during Arch Coal's presentation on

September 6, 2001.

Page 4 of 4 pages.