

Arch Coal Names Jennings to Board of Directors

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ST. LOUIS (July 27, 2006) – Arch Coal, Inc. (NYSE: ACI) today announced Brian J. Jennings, 45, has been elected to its board of directors effective immediately. Jennings will serve on the board's finance and audit committees.

"I'm pleased Brian has joined our board of directors," said Steven F. Leer, Arch Coal's chairman and chief executive officer. "Brian's expertise in corporate finance for the global energy industry will be extremely valuable to the board and Arch's objective of creating long-term value."

Jennings is currently senior vice president of corporate finance and development and chief financial officer of Devon Energy Corporation (NYSE: DVN) in Oklahoma City. Prior to joining Devon in 2000, Jennings was managing director in the Energy Investment Banking Group of PaineWebber Inc. He began his investment banking career at Kidder, Peabody & Co. in 1989 before moving to Lehman Brothers in 1992 and later to PaineWebber in 1997. Jennings specialized in providing strategic advisory and corporate finance services to public and private companies in the natural resource sector. He started his energy career with ARCO International Oil & Gas, a subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield Co.

Jennings received a Bachelor of Science degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business.

St. Louis-based Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer. Through its subsidiary operations in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia, Arch Coal provides the fuel for approximately 6% of the electricity generated in the United States.

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