

CONSOL ENERGY INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WHITMIRE JOHN L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1800 WASHINGTON ROAD
(Street)
PITTSBURGH, PA 15241
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CONSOL ENERGY INC [CNX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/27/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 05/27/2008 | | A | | 13 (1) | A | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | 13,684 (2) (3) | D | |

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Phantom Stock (including dividend equivalent rights) | \$ 0 | 05/27/2008 | | A | 35 <u>(4)</u> | 05/27/2008 05/27/2008 | Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 35 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WHITMIRE JOHN L 1800 WASHINGTON ROAD PITTSBURGH, PA 15241 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ John L. Whitmire by Alexander Reyes, his attorney
in fact

05/29/2008

__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) Represents dividend equivalent rights earned under the Equity Incentive Plan as part of a grant of restricted stock units.
- (2) Of the 13,684 shares owned directly, 10,524 are deferred stock units and 3,160 are restricted stock units including dividend equivalent rights.
- (3) This amount does not include 31,344 shares of phantom stock held in a Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) Represents dividend equivalent rights earned under the Deferred Compensation Plan as par of a grant of phantom stock. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of CONSOL Energy Inc.

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(5) Represents the number of shares of phantom stock held under the Deferred Compensation Plan, each of which is settled in cash.

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