

HARVEY J BRETT  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HARVEY J BRETT

(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)  
02/24/2006

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)  
President & CEO

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 (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 02/24/2006                           |  | A                              |   | 7,771 (1) A \$ 0  | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 02/24/2006                           |  | A                              |   | 115 (2) A \$ 0  | D  | (3) (4)                           |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 24.06   | 02/24/2006                           |  | A                              | 21,177  | <u>(5)</u> 02/24/2016                                    | Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share                     | 21,177                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| HARVEY J BRETT<br>1800 WASHINGTON ROAD<br>PITTSBURGH, PA 15241 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ J. Brett Harvey by Paige M. Greene, his attorney-in-fact

02/28/2006

\*\*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 restricted stock units pursuant to a grant under the Equity Incentive Plan.

(2) Represents dividend equivalent rights earned under the Equity Incentive Plan as part of a grant of restricted stock units.

(3) Of the 96,627 shares owned directly, 56,740 are restricted stock units including those received under dividend equivalent rights and approximately 276 are shares received pursuant to the company's 401(k) Plan between September 1, 2005 and the date hereof.

(4) This amount includes 1000 shares owned by the reporting person's wife; the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of those shares, and the inclusion of such shares shall not be admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner for purposes of Section 16 under the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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(5) Stock option grant provides that stock options vest 25% per year beginning on February 24, 2007.

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