

CONSOL ENERGY INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
King Robert Paul

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE

(Street)

CANONSBURG, PA 15317

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2009

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)
Senior VP - Administration

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 | 02/17/2009 | | A | | 5,008 (1) | A | \$ 0 |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | | | | | 7,650 | I | By 401(k) Plan |

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 (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) | \$ 27.9 | 02/17/2009 | | A | 9,854 | <u>(3)</u> 02/17/2019 | Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 9,854 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| King Robert Paul 1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE CANONSBURG, PA 15317 | | | Senior VP - Administration | |

Signatures

/s/ Robert Paul King by Stephanie Gill, his attorney-in-fact

02/19/2009

__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) Grant of restricted stock units, which vest over a period of three years, under the Company's Equity Incentive Plan.

(2) Of the 11,038 shares owned directly, 9,145 are restricted stock units including dividend equivalent rights. An adjustment of two additional shares has been made to the total number of shares directly held by the reporting person. The adjustment is being made to reconcile a rounding discrepancy between what was reported previously and the actual number of shares as determined by a recent review of the Company's records.

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(3) Stock option grant provides that options will vest 1/3 per year beginning on February 17, 2010.

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