### **CONSOL ENERGY INC**

Form 4

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Richey P Jerome

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CONSOL ENERGY INC [CNX]

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/10/2007

(Check all applicable)

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

Sr. V.P. & General Counsel

1800 WASHINGTON ROAD

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

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

PITTSBURGH, PA 15241

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-D	) erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or		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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/10/2007		Code V  M(1)		` ´	Price \$ 22.75	14,775	D	
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/10/2007		S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 65	14,575	D	
Common shares,	12/10/2007		M(2)	2,734	A	\$ 44.1	17,309	D	

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\$0.01 par value per share Common shares,

\$0.01 par 12/10/2007  $S^{(2)}$ 

2,734 D \$ 65 14,575 (3)

Other

D

share

value per

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)	Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative iny Code Securities		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.75	12/10/2007		M <u>(1)</u>	200	<u>(4)</u>	05/03/2015	Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.1	12/10/2007		M(2)	2,734	<u>(5)</u>	05/02/2016	Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	2,734

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Director 10% Owner

Richey P Jerome Sr. V.P. & General Counsel

1800 WASHINGTON ROAD

2 Reporting Owners

#### PITTSBURGH, PA 15241

# **Signatures**

/s/ P. Jerome Richey by Alexander Reyes his attorney-in-fact

12/12/2007

\*\*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) Transaction effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 1, 2007.
- (2) Transaction effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 1, 2007.
- (3) Of the 14,575 shares owned directly, 10,171 are restricted stock units including dividend equivalent rights.
- (4) Stock option grant provides that options vest six months from the date of grant, which was May 3, 2005.
- (5) Stock option grant provides that options vest 25% per year beginning May 2, 2007.

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