

Richey P Jerome  
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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 \*  
Richey P Jerome

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CONSOL Energy Inc [CNX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/16/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP-Corp Affairs, Chief Legal

CANONSBURG, PA 15317

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	02/16/2012		F	500 <sup>(1)</sup> D	\$ 37.42	33,345	D
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	02/16/2012		A	7,308 <sup>(2)</sup> A	\$ 0	40,653	D
Common shares,	02/16/2012		F	2,231 <sup>(3)</sup> D	\$ 37.42	38,422 <sup>(4)</sup>	D

\$0.01 par value per share

Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share

1,174 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 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.05	02/16/2012		A	15,204	02/16/2012 06/15/2020	Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share 15,204

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Richey P Jerome 1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE CANONSBURG, PA 15317			EVP-Corp Affairs, Chief Legal	

## Signatures

/s/ P. Jerome Richey by Stephanie Gill, his attorney-in-fact

02/21/2012

\_\_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 shares withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability resulting from the vesting of restricted stock units previously granted to him.
- (2) Represents the vesting and settlement of performance share units previously granted to the reporting person under the Long Term Incentive Program for the 2009-2011 performance period.
- (3) Represents shares withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability resulting from the vesting and settlement of performance share units previously reported herein.
- (4) Of the 38,422 shares owned directly, 17,554 are restricted stock units and deferred shares (including dividend equivalent rights).

(5) On June 15, 2010, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase up to 60,819 shares of common stock. The option generally vests in four annual installments based on the Issuer's achievement of certain performance criteria for each of the fiscal years ending December 31, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. The performance criteria for 2011 were met, resulting in vesting of the option as to 15,204 shares. The total number of options vested since the grant date are 30,408.

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