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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CONSECO INC [CNO] Dubes Michael J (Month/Day/Year) 09/06/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 11825 N. PENNSYLVANIA (Check all applicable) **STREET** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Pres., Conseco Insurance Group Person CARMEL, INÂ 46032 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 35,000 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative Security	Security:	

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect Exercisable Date Number of (I)
Shares (Instr. 5)

Stock Options $\hat{A} = \frac{(1)}{100} = \frac{06/27/2015}{1000} = \frac{Common}{Stock} = \frac{40,000}{1000} = \frac{21.67}{1000} = \frac{\hat{A}}{1000} = \frac{\hat{A}}{1000} = \frac{1.67}{1000} = \frac{1.67}{10000} = \frac{1.67}{1000} = \frac{1.67}{1000} = \frac{1.67}{10000} = \frac{1.67}{100$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dubes Michael J

11825 N. PENNSYLVANIA STREET Pres., Conseco Insurance Group CARMEL, INÂ 46032

Signatures

Karl W. Kindig, Attorney-in-Fact 09/08/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning June 20, 2006.

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