

CONSOL ENERGY INC  
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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 \*  
LILLY PETER B

(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)  
12/21/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President - Coal Group

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	12/21/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>		20,000	A	\$ 8.6
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		3,400	D	\$ 70
Common Shares,	12/21/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		100	D	\$ 70.005

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\$0.01 par value per share							
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,400	D	\$ 70.01	102,062	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,300	D	\$ 70.02	100,762	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,000	D	\$ 70.03	99,762	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,400	D	\$ 70.04	98,362	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 70.045	98,262	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,805	D	\$ 70.05	96,457	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	701	D	\$ 70.06	95,756	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 70.065	95,656	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	608	D	\$ 70.07	95,048	D

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value per share							
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 70.08	94,948	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	140	D	\$ 70.09	94,808	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 70.105	94,708	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	800	D	\$ 70.11	93,908	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	100	D	\$ 70.115	93,808	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	600	D	\$ 70.12	93,208	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	200	D	\$ 70.14	93,008	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	200	D	\$ 70.15	92,808	D
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/21/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	800	D	\$ 70.2	92,008	D

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share

Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share  
 12/21/2007 S<sup>(1)</sup> 100 D \$ 70.205 91,908 D

Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share  
 12/21/2007 S<sup>(1)</sup> 400 D \$ 70.21 91,508 D

Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share  
 12/21/2007 S<sup>(1)</sup> 200 D \$ 70.22 91,308 D

Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share  
 12/21/2007 S<sup>(1)</sup> 600 D \$ 70.23 90,708 <sup>(2)</sup> D

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)	\$ 8.6	12/21/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>	20,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 04/30/2013	Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LILLY PETER B 1800 WASHINGTON ROAD PITTSBURGH, PA 15241			President - Coal Group	

## Signatures

/s/ Peter B. Lilly by Stephanie Gill, his  
attorney-in-fact

12/26/2007

\_\_\_\_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) Of the 90,708 shares owned directly, 41,308 are restricted stock units including dividend equivalent rights.
- (3) Stock option grant provides that options vest 25% per year beginning April 30, 2004.

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