

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 *
Richey P Jerome

(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)
EVP-Corp. Affairs, Chief Legal

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)
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	02/17/2009		A	5,156 (1)	A \$ 0 21,034 (2)	D	
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share					1,139	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.9	02/17/2009		A	10,144	<u>(3)</u> 02/17/2019	Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	10,144

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 02/19/2009
 Date
 **Signature of Reporting Person

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 21,034 shares owned directly, 15,418 are restricted stock units including dividend equivalent rights.
- (3) Stock option grant provides that options will vest 1/3 per year beginning on February 17, 2010.

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