

CONSOL ENERGY INC  
Form 4  
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# FORM 4

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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 \*  
LYONS WILLIAM J

(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)  
12/20/2007

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)  
Exec. VP & CFO

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) |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                           |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (A) or (D)                                               | Price                             |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/20/2007                           |                                                    | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |                                                                   | 5,800                                                                                         | A                                                        | \$ 6.805                          |
|                                           |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 66,392                                                                                        |                                                          |                                   |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/20/2007                           |                                                    | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |                                                                   | 5,800                                                                                         | D                                                        | \$ 70                             |
|                                           |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 60,592                                                                                        |                                                          |                                   |
| Common shares,                            | 12/21/2007                           |                                                    | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |                                                                   | 14,200                                                                                        | A                                                        | \$ 6.805                          |
|                                           |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 74,792                                                                                        |                                                          |                                   |

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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> | 1,200 | D | \$ 70     | 73,592 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 200   | D | \$ 70.005 | 73,392 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 500   | D | \$ 70.01  | 72,892 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 100   | D | \$ 70.015 | 72,792 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 1,000 | D | \$ 70.02  | 71,792 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 100   | D | \$ 70.025 | 71,692 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 300   | D | \$ 70.035 | 71,392 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 1,000 | D | \$ 70.04  | 70,392 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par                 | 12/21/2007 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 1,009 | D | \$ 70.05  | 69,383 | D |

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| value per share                           |            |                  |     |   |           |        |   |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 605 | D | \$ 70.06  | 68,778 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 400 | D | \$ 70.07  | 68,378 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 200 | D | \$ 70.095 | 68,178 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 200 | D | \$ 70.11  | 67,978 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 100 | D | \$ 70.115 | 67,878 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 600 | D | \$ 70.12  | 67,278 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 200 | D | \$ 70.13  | 67,078 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/21/2007 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 100 | D | \$ 70.15  | 66,978 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per       | 12/21/2007 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 200 | D | \$ 70.16  | 66,778 | D |

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share

Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share 12/21/2007 S<sup>(1)</sup> 91 D \$ 70.18 66,687 D

Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share 12/21/2007 S<sup>(1)</sup> 195 D \$ 70.2 66,492 D

Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share 12/21/2007 S<sup>(1)</sup> 200 D \$ 70.21 66,292 D

Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share 12/21/2007 S<sup>(1)</sup> 391 D \$ 70.22 65,901 <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)                | \$ 6.805                                               | 12/20/2007                           |                                                    | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 5,800                                                                                   | <sup>(3)</sup> 09/10/2012                                | Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share                     | 5,800                         |
|                                            | \$ 6.805                                               | 12/21/2007                           |                                                    | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 14,200                                                                                  | <sup>(3)</sup> 09/10/2012                                |                                                               | 14,200                        |

Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

Common  
shares,  
\$0.01 par  
value per  
share

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|                                                                 | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| LYONS WILLIAM J<br>1800 WASHINGTON ROAD<br>PITTSBURGH, PA 15241 |               |           | Exec.<br>VP &<br>CFO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ William J. Lyons 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 65,901 shares owned directly, 39,428 are restricted stock units including dividend equivalent rights.
  - (3) Stock option grant provides that options vest 25% per year beginning September 10, 2003.

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