

CONSOL ENERGY INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Richey P Jerome

(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)  
12/10/2007

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)

Sr. V.P. & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	12/10/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>	200	A	\$ 22.75	14,775	D
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	12/10/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D	\$ 65	14,575	D
Common shares,	12/10/2007		M <sup>(2)</sup>	2,734	A	\$ 44.1	17,309	D

\$0.01 par value per share

Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share

12/10/2007 S<sup>(2)</sup> 2,734 D \$ 65 14,575 <sup>(3)</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)	\$ 22.75	12/10/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>	200	<sup>(4)</sup> 05/03/2015	Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	200
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.1	12/10/2007		M <sup>(2)</sup>	2,734	<sup>(5)</sup> 05/02/2016	Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	2,734

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Richey P Jerome 1800 WASHINGTON ROAD			Sr. V.P. & General Counsel	

PITTSBURGH, PA 15241

## Signatures

/s/ P. Jerome Richey by Alexander Reyes his  
attorney-in-fact

12/12/2007

\_\_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) Transaction effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 1, 2007.
- (3) Of the 14,575 shares owned directly, 10,171 are restricted stock units including dividend equivalent rights.
- (4) Stock option grant provides that options vest six months from the date of grant, which was May 3, 2005.
- (5) Stock option grant provides that options vest 25% per year beginning May 2, 2007.

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