

CONSECO INC

Form 3

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FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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burden hours per
response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 *Â Menzel Susan L
(Last) (First) (Middle)11825 N. PENNSYLVANIA
STREET

(Street)

CARMEL,Â INÂ 46032

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement(Month/Day/Year)
09/06/20063. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
CONSECO INC [CNO]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer ☐ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
EVP, HR5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

10,000

D Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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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)
Title4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options	Â (1)	05/31/2015	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 20	D	Â
Stock Options	Â (2)	06/30/2016	Common Stock	42,500	\$ 23.1	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Menzel Susan L 11825 N. PENNSYLVANIA STREET CARMEL, IN 46032	Â	Â	Â EVP, HR	Â

Signatures

Karl W. Kindig,
Attorney-in-Fact

09/14/2006

__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 May 31, 2006.

(2) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning June 30, 2007.

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