CONSOL ENERGY INC

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WHITMIRE JOHN L Issuer Symbol CONSOL ENERGY INC [CNX] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE 11/21/2008 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CANONSBURG, PA 15317

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common shares, \$0.01 par 11/21/2008 Α 64 (1) \$0 $13,766 \stackrel{(2)}{=} \stackrel{(3)}{=}$ D value per share

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock (including dividend equivalent rights)	\$ 0	11/21/2008		A(4)	157	11/21/2008	11/21/2008	Common shares, \$0.01 par value pershare	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

WHITMIRE JOHN L
1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE X
CANONSBURG, PA 15317

Signatures

Stephanie L. Gill, his attorney-in-fact

11/25/2008

**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) Represents dividend equivalent rights earned under the Equity Incentive Plan as part of a grant of restricted stock units and deferred stock units.
- (2) Of the 13,766 shares owned directly, 10,587 are deferred stock units and 3,179 are restricted stock units including dividend equivalent rights.
- (3) This amount does not include 32,846 shares of phantom stock held in a Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) Represents dividend equivalent rights earned under the Deferred Compensation Plan as part of a grant of phantom stock. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of CONSOL Energy Inc.
- (5) Represents the number of shares of phantom stock held under the Deferred Compensation Plan, each of which is settled in cash. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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