CONSOL ENERGY INC
Form 4
November 12, 2008

# FORM 4

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

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WHITMIRE JOHN L

(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)
11/07/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

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 | 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr. |
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| | Derivative Security | | | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock (including dividend equivalent rights) | (1) | 11/07/2008 | 11/07/2008 | A | | 901 | | (1) | (1) | Common shares, $0.01 par value per share | 901 | $ 27. |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WHITMIRE JOHN L<br>1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE<br>CANONSBURG, PA 15317 | X | | | |

# Signatures

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|---|---|
| Alexander Reyes, his attorney-in-fact | 11/12/2008 |
| **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)** The 901 shares of phantom stock represent the deferral of one quarter of the reporting person's annual payment for Board service for the 2008-2009 Board year and are deferred under CONSOL Energy Inc.'s (the "Company's") 1999 Director Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended (the "Deferred Compensation Plan"). Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock, $0.01 par value per share, of the Company. The shares of phantom stock are payable in cash and generally only after the reporting person is no longer a member of the Company's board of directors. These shares of phantom stock are in addition to the 31,788 shares of phantom stock previously held by the reporting person in the Deferred Compensation Plan.

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