

HARVEY J BRETT  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**HARVEY J BRETT**

(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)  
02/28/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

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 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) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 02/28/2012                           |  | A                              | (1)   | \$ 0 379,054  | D  |   |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 02/28/2012                           |  | F                              | (2)   | \$ 35.37 325,298 (3)  | D  |   |
| Common shares,                            |                                      |  |                                |   | 27,904  | I  | By 2010 GRAT  |

|   |        |   |  |
|---|--------|---|--|
| \$0.01 par value per share                |        |   |  |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 50,457 | I | By 2011 GRAT                               |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 45,096 | I | By 2012 GRAT                               |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 2,000  | I | By Spouse's Revocable Trust <sup>(4)</sup> |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 9,481  | I | By Trust for Daughter <sup>(5)</sup>       |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 9,481  | I | By Trust for Daughter <sup>(5)</sup>       |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 9,481  | I | By Trust for Son <sup>(5)</sup>            |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 44,594 | I | By 401 (k) Plan <sup>(6)</sup>             |

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)

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 45.05   | 02/28/2012                           |  | A                              | 60,818  | 02/28/2012 06/15/2020                                    | Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share                     | 60,818                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| HARVEY J BRETT<br>1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE<br>CANONSBURG, PA 15317 | X             |           | Chairman and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ J. Brett Harvey by Stephanie Gill, his attorney-in-fact 03/01/2012

\*\*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 the vesting and settlement of performance share units previously granted to the reporting person under the Long Term Incentive Program for the 2009-2011 performance period.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability resulting from the vesting and settlement of performance share units previously granted herein.
- (3) Of the 325,298 shares owned directly, 29,424 are restricted stock units and deferred shares (including dividend equivalent rights).
- (4) Shares in Mrs. Harvey's Amended and Restated Revocable Trust, dated December 17, 2007, in which Mr. and Mrs. Harvey serve as Trustees.
- (5) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for the purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (6) This number includes 142 shares acquired by the reporting person's 401 (k) account since February 22, 2012.
- (7) On June 15, 2010, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase up to 243,273 shares of common stock. The option generally vests in four annual installments based on the Issuer's achievement of certain performance criteria for each of the fiscal years ending December 31, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. The performance criteria for 2011 were met, resulting in vesting of the option as to 60,818 shares. The total number of options vested since the grant date are 121,636.

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