

CONSOL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
August 08, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

August 2, 2005

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

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**CONSOL Energy Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-14901**  
(Commission File Number)

**51-0337383**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

Consol Plaza

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**1800 Washington Road**

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241**

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:**

**(412) 831-4000**

**Not applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers.**

In connection with the closing of the private sale by a subsidiary of CONSOL Energy Inc. ( CEI ), CNX Gas Corporation ( CNX Gas ), of approximately 24.3 million shares of CNX Gas common stock, Philip W. Baxter, as of August 2, 2005, has resigned from the Board of Directors of CEI, and will continue as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of CNX Gas. Mr. Baxter has been the Chairman of CNX Gas since the date of its formation of June 30, 2005.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CONSOL ENERGY INC.**

By: /s/ P. Jerome Richey

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P. Jerome Richey  
Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: August 8, 2005