CONSOL ENERGY INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CONSOL ENERGY INC [CNX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 08/16/2006

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

1800 WASHINGTON ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Person

PITTSBURGH, PA 15241

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (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)

(Instr. 8)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

Price of

(Instr. 3)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4 Transaction Derivative Code Securities

Acquired

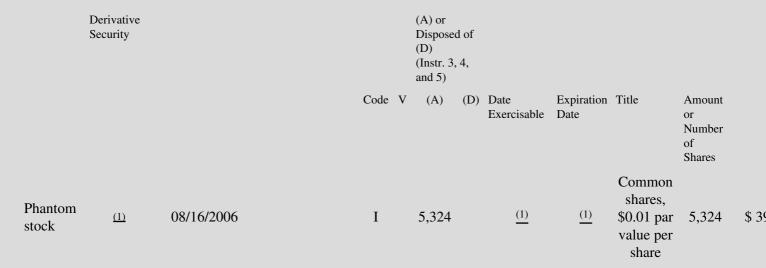
6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director Owner Officer Other

WHITMIRE JOHN L
1800 WASHINGTON ROAD X
PITTSBURGH, PA 15241

Signatures

/s/ John L. Whitmire by Stephanie Gill, his attorney-in-fact

08/18/2006

**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).
- Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of CONSOL Energy Inc. (the "Company"). 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 24,000 shares of phantom stock currently held by the reporting person in the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended.

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