

WHITMIRE JOHN L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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)  
 02/21/2012

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	02/21/2012		A	102 (1) A	\$ 0 40,899 (2) (3)	D	

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. 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock (including dividend equivalent rights)	\$ 0	02/21/2012		A <sup>(4)</sup>	118	02/21/2012 02/21/2012	Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	118

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ John Whitmire by Stephanie Gill, his attorney-in-fact 02/23/2012

\*\*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 dividend equivalent rights earned under the Equity Incentive Plan
  - (2) Of the 40,899 shares owned directly, 10,948 are deferred stock units and 20,673 are restricted stock units and deferred shares (including dividend equivalent rights).
  - (3) This amount does not include 35,482 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.

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