

King Robert Paul  
Form 4  
February 21, 2012

# FORM 4

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

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1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
King Robert Paul

(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)

02/16/2012

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)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	02/16/2012		F	347 <sup>(1)</sup> D	\$ 37.42 18,440	D	
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	02/16/2012		A	7,099 <sup>(2)</sup> A	\$ 0 25,539	D	
Common shares,	02/16/2012		F	2,167 <sup>(3)</sup> D	\$ 37.42 23,372 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	

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\$0.01 par  
value per  
share

Common  
shares,  
\$0.01 par  
value per  
share

7,892

I

By 401 (k)  
Plan

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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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.05	02/16/2012		A		16,725		02/16/2012	06/15/2020	Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	16,725

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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## Signatures

/s/ Robert P. King by Stephanie Gill, his  
attorney-in-fact

02/21/2012

\_\_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 shares withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability resulting from the vesting of restricted stock units previously granted to him.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Represents shares withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability resulting from the vesting and settlement of performance share units previously reported herein.
- (4) Of the 23,372 shares owned directly, 6,651 are restricted stock units (including dividend equivalent rights).

On June 15, 2010, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase up to 66,900 shares of common stock. The option generally vests in four 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 16,725 shares. The total number of options vested since the grant are 33,450.

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