

King Robert Paul  
Form 4  
February 22, 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)

02/17/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                 | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Common<br>shares,<br>\$0.01 par<br>value per<br>share | 02/17/2012                              |                                                             | F                                    | 525 <sup>(1)</sup> D                                                    | \$<br>37.26 22,847                                                                                                 | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>shares,<br>\$0.01 par<br>value per<br>share | 02/21/2012                              |                                                             | A                                    | 19 <sup>(2)</sup> A                                                     | \$<br>37.39 22,866 <sup>(3)</sup>                                                                                  | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>shares,                                     |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 7,918 <sup>(4)</sup>                                                                                               | I                                                                    | By 401 (k)<br>Plan                      |

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\$0.01 par  
value per  
share

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                      | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| King Robert Paul<br>1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE<br>CANONSBURG, PA 15317 | EVP - Bus. Advmt & Support Svs   |

## Signatures

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

02/22/2012

\_\_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 dividend equivalent rights earned under the Equity Incentive Plan as part of a grant of restricted stock units.

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(3) Of the 22,866 shares owned directly, 4,952 are restricted stock units (including dividend equivalent rights).

(4) This number includes 26 shares acquired by the reporting person's 401 (k) account since February 21, 2012.

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