

CONSOL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
February 25, 2008

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 19, 2008**

**CONSOL Energy Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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

**51-0337383**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**1800 Washington Road**

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

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

**(412) 831-4000**

**Not applicable**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- ..  Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountants**

(a) On February 19, 2008 (the Dismissal Date), CONSOL Energy Inc. (the Company) dismissed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the Audit Committee) of the Company recommended and approved the dismissal of PwC.

The reports of PwC on the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles.

During the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 and through the Dismissal Date, there were no disagreements with PwC on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosures, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreement(s), if not resolved to the satisfaction of PwC, would have caused it to make reference thereto in its reports on the financial statements of the Company for such years. During the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, and through the Dismissal Date, there were no *reportable events* as defined under Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

The Company provided PwC with a copy of the disclosures it is making herein in response to Item 304(a) of Regulation S-K, and requested that PwC furnish the Company with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), pursuant to Item 304(a)(3) of Regulation S-K, stating whether or not it agrees with the statements related to PwC made by the Company in this report. A copy of PwC's letter to the SEC dated February 25, 2008 is attached as Exhibit 16.1 to this report.

(b) Also, on February 19, 2008, the Audit Committee recommended and approved the selection of Ernst & Young LLP (Ernst & Young), effective immediately, as the Company's new independent registered public accounting firm.

During the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, and through the Dismissal Date, neither the Company, nor anyone on its behalf, consulted Ernst & Young regarding either (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered with respect to the financial statements of the Company, and no written report was provided to the Company or oral advice was provided that Ernst & Young concluded was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to the accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue; or (ii) any matter that was the subject of a disagreement (as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions) or a *reportable event* (as described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

16.1 Letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

**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  
**P. Jerome Richey**

**Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary**

Dated: February 25, 2008

**Exhibit Index**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                      |
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| 16.1               | Letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. |