

Pusateri Robert F
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Pusateri Robert F

(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)
 EVP - Energy Sales & Transport

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 02/16/2012 | | F | 276 ⁽¹⁾ | D \$ 37.42 | 22,785 | D |
| Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 02/16/2012 | | A | 5,555 ⁽²⁾ | A \$ 0 | 28,340 | D |
| Common shares, | 02/16/2012 | | F | 1,696 ⁽³⁾ | D \$ 37.42 | 26,648 ⁽⁴⁾ | D |

\$0.01 par value per share

Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share

2,700 I By Wife

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | 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 | 15,204 | 02/16/2012 06/15/2020 | Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share 15,204 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Pusateri Robert F 1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE CANONSBURG, PA 15317 | EVP - Energy Sales & Transport |

Signatures

/s/ Robert F. Pusateri 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.

Of the 26,648 shares owned directly, 7,652 are restricted stock units (including dividend equivalent rights). An upward adjustment of four shares was made to the total number of shares beneficially owned by the reporting person. The adjustment was made to reconcile a discrepancy between what was reported previously and the actual number of shares as determined by a recent review of the Company's records. It is believed that the discrepancy in the number reported is a result of rounding and discrepancies in calculations made of the total shares held.

- (4) On June 15, 2010, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase up to 60,819 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 the vesting of the option as to 15,204 shares. The total number of options vested since the grant date are 30,408.

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