

CONSOL ENERGY INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HARVEY J BRETT**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1800 WASHINGTON ROAD

(Street)

PITTSBURGH, PA 15241

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CONSOL ENERGY INC [CNX]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**08/01/2008**

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)  
**President & CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	08/01/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,100 D \$ 70.48 <sup>(2)</sup>		D
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	08/01/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		5,328 D \$ 71.68 <sup>(3)</sup>		D
Common shares,	08/01/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		3,100 D \$ 72.57		D



## Explanation of Responses:

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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Transaction effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 14, 2007.

(2) Represents the weighted average of multiple sales transactions ranging in price from \$70.09 to \$70.9275.

(3) Represents the weighted average of multiple sales transactions ranging in price from \$71.21 to \$72.18.

(4) Represents the weighted average of multiple sales transactions ranging in price from \$72.23 to \$73.09.

(5) Represents the weighted average of multiple sales transactions ranging in price from \$73.26 to \$74.23.

(6) Of the 253,910 shares owned directly, 104,536 are restricted stock units including dividend equivalent rights and approximately 90 shares were received pursuant to the Company's 401(k) Plan since May 30, 2008 and the date hereof. The reporting person agrees to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC Commission staff, the Company or a security holder of the Company.

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