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ISSUER

CONSOL ENERGY INC

CIK: **1070412** | IRS No.: **510337383** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **1221** Bituminous coal & lignite surface mining

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REPORTING OWNER

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>Pusateri Robert F</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE (Street) CANONSBURG, PA 15317 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/16/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CONSOL ENERGY INC [CNX]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director ___ 10% Owner <u>X</u> Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below) <u>EVP-Energy Sales & Transport</u>	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	13,633 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	1,700 ⁽²⁾	I	By wife

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Option (right to buy)	⁽³⁾	05/03/2015	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	2,346	\$22.75	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	⁽⁴⁾	06/09/2015	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	1,778	\$26.005	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	⁽⁵⁾	05/02/2016	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	3,658	\$44.1	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	⁽⁶⁾	02/20/2017	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	6,003	\$34.85	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	⁽⁷⁾	02/19/2018	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	4,321	\$78.65	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Of the 13,633 shares owned directly, 6,053 are restricted stock units including dividend equivalent rights.
2. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
3. Stock option provides that options will vest one fourth per year beginning on May 3, 2006.
4. Stock option provides that options will vest one fourth per year beginning on June 9, 2006.
5. Stock option provides that options will vest one fourth per year beginning on May 2, 2007.
6. Stock option provides that options will vest one third per year beginning on February 20, 2008.
7. Stock option provides that options will vest one third per year beginning on February 19, 2009.

Remarks:

Mr. Pusateri was appointed as the Executive Vice President - Energy Sales & Transportation Services for CONSOL Energy Inc. on January 16, 2009.

Signatures

/s/ Robert F. Pusateri by Alexander Reyes, his attorney-in-fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

01/26/2009

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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