#### CONSOL ENERGY INC

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement CONSOL ENERGY INC [CNX] A Lang Patricia (Month/Day/Year) 12/06/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1800 WASHINGTON ROAD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting \_X\_\_ Officer Other Person PITTSBURGH. PAÂ 15241 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One VP- Human Resources Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share 1,233 (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	rity Expiration Date		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Price of Derivative (	(Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:		
					Security	Direct (D)		
						or Indirect		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock option (right to buy)	05/03/2006(2)	05/03/2015	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	3,232	\$ 45.5	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Lang Patricia 1800 WASHINGTON ROAD PITTSBURGH, PA 15241	Â	Â	VP- Human Resources	Â		

# **Signatures**

/s/ Patricia Lang 12/16/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Of the 1,233 shares owned directly, 1,206 are restricted stock units including dividend equivalent rights and 27 are held pursuant to the Company's 401(k) plan.
- (2) Stock option grant provides that stock options vest 25% per year over four years beginning on May 3, 2006.

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