#### **CONSOL ENERGY INC**

Form 4

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#### **OMB APPROVAL** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LILLY PETER B Issuer Symbol CONSOL ENERGY INC [CNX] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify 1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE 11/21/2008 below) President - Coal Group (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CANONSBURG, PA 15317 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

. •	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, of Beneficiary Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	` '		
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share	11/21/2008		A	161 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$0	89,013 <u>(2)</u>	D		
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per							3,142 (3)	I	By 401(k) Plan	

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		3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc			le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transac Code (Instr. 8	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5		Secur	rlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	/ (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LILLY PETER B 1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE CANONSBURG, PA 15317

President - Coal Group

## **Signatures**

/s/ Peter B. Lilly by Stephanie Gill, his attorney-in-fact

11/25/2008

\*\*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 dividend equivalent rights earned under the Equity Incentive Plan as part of a grant of restricted stock units.
- (2) Of the 89,013 shares owned directly by the reporting person, 34,192 are restricted stock units including dividend equivalent rights.
- (3) Of the 3,142 shares held indirectly by the reporting person in his 401(k) account, 15 shares were acquired since August 11, 2008.

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