

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 \*  
SMITH RONALD E

(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)  
05/11/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

SEE REMARKS

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|   |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 05/11/2006                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 10,000  | A  | \$ 18.81  |
| Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 05/11/2006                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 10,000  | D  | \$ 95.4   |
|   |                                      |  |                                |   | 32,545  | (2) (3)  | D   |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 18.81   | 05/11/2006                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 10,000  | <sup>(4)</sup> 10/25/2010                                | Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share                     | 10,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |             |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer     | Other |
| SMITH RONALD E<br>1800 WASHINGTON ROAD<br>PITTSBURGH, PA 15241 |               |           | SEE REMARKS |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Ronald Smith by Paige M. Greene, his attorney-in-fact

05/15/2006

\_\_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) Transactions effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 16, 2004.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of 3,246 shares owned by the reporting person's wife, and the inclusion of such shares shall not be an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner for purposes of Section 16 under the Exchange Act.
- (3) Of the 32,545 shares owned directly, 18,239 are restricted stock units including dividend equivalent rights.
- (4) Original stock option grant provides that options vest 25% per year beginning on October 25, 2001.

**Remarks:**

Executive Vice President of CONSOL Energy Inc. until assumed position as Chief Operating Officer of CNX Gas Corporation

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