

GUPTA RAJ  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GUPTA RAJ

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE  
(Street)  
CANONSBURG, PA 15317

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CONSOL Energy Inc [CNX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/12/2012

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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) |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                           |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                   |
| Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 01/12/2012                           |                                                    | M                              | 2,500                                                             | A \$ 22.75                                                                                    | 31,086 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 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)                | \$ 22.75                                               | 01/12/2012                           |                                                    | M                              | 2,500                                                                                   | <u>(2)</u> 05/03/2015                                    | Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share                     | 2,500                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GUPTA RAJ<br>1000 CONSOL ENERGY DRIVE<br>CANONSBURG, PA 15317 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Raj K. Gupta by Stephanie Gill, his attorney-in-fact

01/17/2012

\_\_\_\_\_\*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) Of the 31,086 shares owned directly, 2,387 are deferred stock units and 4,805 are restricted stock units and deferred shares (including dividend equivalent rights).
- (2) Stock option grant provides that options vest 33% per year beginning on May 3, 2006.

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