

CONSOL Energy Inc  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 22, 2009**

**CONSOL Energy Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-14901**  
(Commission

File Number)

**51-0337383**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**CNX Center**

**1000 CONSOL Energy Drive**

**Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:**

**(724) 485-4000**

**Not applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- ..  Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

CONSOL Energy Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release on October 22, 2009 announcing its 2009 third fiscal quarter results. A copy of the earnings release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Current Report and the exhibit hereto are being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information in this Current Report and exhibit hereto shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD**

The response to Item 2.02 is incorporated herein by reference to this Item 7.01.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits.*

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of CONSOL Energy Inc. dated October 22, 2009.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CONSOL ENERGY INC.**

By: */s/ WILLIAM J. LYONS*  
**William J. Lyons**  
**Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer**

Dated: October 22, 2009

**Exhibit Index**

**Exhibit**

| <b>No.</b>   | <b>Description</b>  |
|--------------|---|
| Exhibit 99.1 | Press release of CONSOL Energy Inc. dated October 22, 2009. |