

Merrill Eric
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Merrill Eric

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC.
[WCN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2295 IRON POINT ROAD, SUITE
200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/11/2010

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

(Street)
FOLSOM, CA 95630

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/11/2010		F	762 ⁽¹⁾ D	\$ 31.91 37,693	D	
Common Stock	02/11/2010		A	5,713 ⁽²⁾ A	\$ 0 43,406	D	
Common Stock	02/11/2010		A	5,714 ⁽³⁾ A	\$ 0 49,120	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/14/2010		F	749 ⁽¹⁾ D	\$ 32.17 48,371	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor 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
Merrill Eric 2295 IRON POINT ROAD SUITE 200 FOLSOM, CA 95630	Senior Vice President

Signatures

Eric Merrill 02/16/2010

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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(1) Represents shares withheld by the Company from an award of restricted stock units in satisfaction of the applicable withholding taxes due as a result of the vesting of those restricted stock units through an automatic share withholding procedure. Pursuant to this procedure, the Company withholds, as the units vest, a portion of the vested shares issuable under the award with a fair market value (measured as of the vesting date) equal to the amount of such withholding taxes.

(2) This represents an award of restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. Subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer, the award shall vest in four equal, annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant. Vested restricted stock units will be settled, and shares of common stock issued, on or before January 1, 2014 pursuant to an election made in connection with a nonqualified deferred compensation plan maintained by the issuer.

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- (3) issuer's common stock. Subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer, the award shall vest in four equal, annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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