Quinn John S Form 4 January 08, 2009

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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Quinn John S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC

[CWST]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/05/2009

C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC., 25 GREENS

HILL LANE

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Last)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Sr. VP, CFO & Treasurer

10% Owner

Other (specify

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

RUTLAND, VT 05701

1.Title of

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Zip)

(Middle)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. Code (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)

Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

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(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4. 5. Number of		6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactiorDerivative		Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/	Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or				
	Derivative				Disposed of (D)				
	Security				(Instr. 3, 4, and				
					5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option	\$ 4.05	01/05/2009		A	150,000	(1)	01/05/2019	Class A Common Stock	150,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Quinn John S C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. 25 GREENS HILL LANE RUTLAND, VT 05701

Sr. VP, CFO & Treasurer

Signatures

/s/John S. Quinn 01/08/2009

**Signature of 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) This option shall become exercisable with respect to one-third of the shares on January 5, 2009 and shall become exercisable as to an additional one-third of shares on each of the first and second anniversaries of the grant date.

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