

COVANTA HOLDING CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
ZELL SAMUEL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COVANTA HOLDING CORP [CVA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**TWO N. RIVERSIDE PLAZA,
 SUITE 600**
 (Street)
CHICAGO, IL 60606
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2012

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

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 05/09/2012 | | A | 27,658 | A | \$ 0 | 56,596 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | | | | | | | 25,418 | I ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | | | | | | | 12,607,682 | I ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | | | | | | | 2,341,500 | I ⁽³⁾ |

Stock, \$.10
par value

footnote 3

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | 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

ZELL SAMUEL
TWO N. RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 600 X
CHICAGO, IL 60606

Signatures

/s/ Samuel Zell 05/10/2012

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).

Such shares of Common Stock are beneficially owned by the Helen Zell Revocable Trust ("HZRT"). Samuel Zell's spouse, Helen Zell, is the trustee of HZRT. Samuel Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares held by HZRT except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

Such shares are beneficially owned by SZ Investments, L.L.C. ("SZI"). SZI is indirectly owned by trusts established for the benefit of Samuel Zell and members of his family (the "Trusts"). The Trustee of the Trusts is Chai Trust Company, LLC, of which Samuel Zell is not a director, and thus he disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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- (3) Such shares are beneficially owned by EGI-Fund (05-07) Investors, L.L.C. ("05-07"), which is indirectly owned by the Trusts and thus Samuel Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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