

TRANSALTA CORP  
Form 6-K  
December 21, 2011

**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of December 2011

**TRANSALTA CORPORATION**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**110-12<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W., Box 1900, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2M1**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes

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No

If  Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):  
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The document listed below in this Section as 99.1 is being furnished, not filed, and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by TransAlta Corporation under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

- 99.1 Press release dated December 20, 2011 announcing Dawn Farrell Appointed to TransAlta's Board of Directors"
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**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, thereunto duly authorized.

**TransAlta Corporation**

By: /s/ Maryse St.-Laurent

Maryse St.-Laurent

Vice-President and Corporate Secretary

Date: December 20, 2011

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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