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SECURITIES

COVENANT TRANSPORTATION GROUP INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and A HUGHES M | Symbol COVEN | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COVENANT TRANSPORTATION GROUP INC [CVTI] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-----------|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) 400 BIRMIN | (First) (Midd | (Month/D | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/02/2008 | | | | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | |
| | (Street) | | ndment, Date Original th/Day/Year) | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| CHATTAN | OOGA, TN 37419 | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2 | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | (A) or | | | 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) | |
| Class A Common Stock | 10/02/2008 | | A(1) | 0 (1) (2) | A | \$0 | 0 (3) | D | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | 34,167 <u>(3)</u> | D | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | 8,878 (4) | I | 401(k) | |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and | 8. Price of | |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|------------|-------------|---|
| Derivative Conversion | | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionNumber | | Expiration Date | | Amount of | | Derivative | |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | rlying | Security | |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | , | | Securities | (Instr. 5) | i | |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | 3 | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | 1 | |
| | · | | | | (A) or | | | | | | 1 |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | , |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | , |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title Num | Number | | |
| | | | | | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HUGHES M. DAVID 400 BIRMINGHAM HIGHWAY CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419

SENIOR VP AND TREASURER

Signatures

/s/David M. Hughes by Heidi Hornung-Scherr, attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a POA previously filed with the SEC

10/06/2008

**Signature of Reporting 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) Represents a restricted stock award under the 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The award vests 100% on October 2, 2009, subject to continued employment.
- (2) The reporting person acquired an amount equal to \$15,000, to be converted to shares based upon the closing price of the Company's Class A common stock two full trading days following the public release of the Company's third quarter 2008 earnings.
- Aggregate amount of securities beneficially owned following the reported transaction does not include the amount of securities that will (3) be acquired upon the conversion to shares of \$15,000, based upon the closing price of the Company's Class A common stock two full trading days following the public release of the Company's third quarter 2008 earnings.
- The number of shares beneficially owned following the reported transaction is equal to the reporting person's October 2, 2008, account (4) balance in the employer stock fund under the issuer's 401(k) plan divided by the closing price on October 2, 2008. The plan is unitized and as such does not itself allocate a specific number of shares to each participant.

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