

HUGHES M. DAVID
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HUGHES M. DAVID

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) (First) (Middle)
400 BIRMINGHAM HIGHWAY
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/12/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SENIOR VP AND TREASURER

CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/12/2010 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 0 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ A \$ 0 | 0 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 56,594 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 8,999 ⁽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 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 Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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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 Hughes, by Heidi Hornung-Scherr, attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a POA previously filed with the SEC

01/14/2010

__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, as such plan may be amended from time to time. The shares subject to the award vest in approximately one-third increments when and to the extent the issuer's Class A common stock trades at or above \$7.00, \$9.00, and \$11.00 for twenty consecutive trading days during the period beginning January 1, 2011, and ending on December 31, 2015, subject to continued employment and the specific terms of the award notice.
 - (2) The reporting person acquired an amount equal to approximately \$8,750, to be converted to shares based upon the closing price of the issuer's Class A common stock on the date the blackout period lifts following release of the issuer's first quarter 2010 earnings.
 - (3) Aggregate amount of securities beneficially owned following the reported transaction does not include the amount of securities that will be acquired upon the conversion to shares of approximately \$8,750, based upon the closing price of the issuer's Class A common stock on the date the blackout period lifts following release of the issuer's first quarter 2010 earnings.

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- The number of shares beneficially owned following the reported transaction is equal to the reporting person's January 13, 2010, account
- (4) balance in the employer stock fund under the issuer's 401(k) plan divided by the closing price on January 13, 2010. The plan is unitized and as such does not itself allocate a specific number of shares to each participant.

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