

COVANTA HOLDING CORP  
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 \*  
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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/31/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

TWO N. RIVERSIDE PLAZA,  
SUITE 600

(Street)

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

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 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 (D) Price			
Common Stock, \$.10 par value	05/31/2006		A	4,500 A \$ 0	6,000	D	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value					25,418	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By spouse, as Trustee of Helen Zell Revocable Trust
Common Stock, \$.10					23,176,282	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By trusts

par value

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 Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 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 CHICAGO, IL 60606				X

## Signatures

/s/ Samuel Zell                      05/31/2006  
 \*\*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).
- (1) 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.
- (2) Such shares of Common Stock are beneficially owned by SZ Investments, L.L.C. ("SZ"), EGI-Fund (05-07) Investors, L.L.C. ("Fund 05-07") and Equity Group Investments, L.L.C. ("EGI"). SZ, Fund 05-07, and EGI are each indirectly controlled by various trusts established for the benefit of Samuel Zell and his family, the trustee of each of which is Chai Trust Company, L.L.C. ("Chai Trust"). Samuel Zell is not a director or officer of Chai Trust and disclaims beneficial ownership of all such shares of Common Stock, except to

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the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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