

ORLANDO ANTHONY J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
ORLANDO ANTHONY J

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)  
445 SOUTH STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

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

(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 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value   | 12/14/2010                           |  | M                              | V   | A<br>\$ 5.93<br>(1)   | 391,884  | D   |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value   | 12/14/2010                           |  | S                              |   | D<br>\$ 17.007<br>(2)<br>(3)  | 279,942  | D   |

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) |                              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                        | Amount of Number of Shares |
| Option to purchase common stock (right to buy) | \$ 5.93 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | 12/14/2010                           |  | M                              | 111,942   | <sup>(4)</sup>   | 10/14/2014  | Common Stock, \$10 par value | 111,942                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| ORLANDO ANTHONY J<br>445 SOUTH STREET<br>MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960 |               |           | President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Anthony J.  
Orlando

12/15/2010

\*\*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).

- After the payment by the Issuer of a special dividend to all stockholders on July 12, 2010, the exercise price was adjusted from \$7.43 by
- (1) the Issuer's Compensation Committee of its Board of Directors in accordance with the terms of the Issuer's Equity Compensation Plan for its Employees and Officers.
  - (2) These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b-5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on December 1, 2009.  
Represents the weighted average price of multiple transactions with a range of prices between \$17.000 and \$17.040. The Reporting
  - (3) Person, upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, undertakes to provide further information regarding the number of securities purchased at each separate price.
  - (4) The options vested in three equal installments on March 21, 2005, February 28, 2007 and February 28, 2008.

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