CLUTTER MARK

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

CLUTTER MARK

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

COVENANT TRANSPORT INC

[CVTI]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2005

400 BIRMINGHAM HIGHWAY (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below)

Sr. Vice President-Operations

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

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

(Month/Day/Year)

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

Form: Direct (T) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Am Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Underlying Sec Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A)

(D) Date Exp

Expiration Date Title

o S

Exercisable

Employee

Stock Option Class A (Right-to-Buy) \$ 13.64 05/10/2005 A 4,000 05/10/2005 05/10/2015(1) Common

Class A

Common Stock

/10/2005 A 4,000 05/10/2005 05/10/2015(1) Commo

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

CLUTTER MARK 400 BIRMINGHAM HIGHWAY CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419

Sr. Vice President-Operations

Signatures

/s/ Mark Clutter, by Mark A. Scudder, attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a POA previously filed with the SEC

05/12/2005

**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).
 - The option to purchase is subject to earlier termination in the event of termination of the reporting person's employment with the issuer.
- (1) Termination provisions are set forth in the stock option agreement between the reporting person and the issuer and in the issuer's 2003 Incentive Stock Plan.
- (2) Upon exercise, the derivative security converts on a one-for-one basis into Class A Common Stock. The reporting person does not have to pay for the derivative security upon grant. The exercise price of the derivative security is set forth in Column 2 of Table II of this report.

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