

COVENANT TRANSPORT INC  
 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 \*  
 PARKER DAVID RAY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COVENANT TRANSPORT 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)  
 09/30/2005

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

CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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            | 09/30/2005                           |  | G                              | V 35,897 D 11   | 2,687,567   | D  | (2)                               |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                |   | 100,000   | I  | Fn (3)                            |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                |   | 12,433  | I  | 401(k) (4)                        |
| Class B Common                  |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,350,000   | D  | (2)                               |

Stock

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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 |
| PARKER DAVID RAY<br>400 BIRMINGHAM HIGHWAY<br>CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419 | X             | X         | CEO & President |       |

## Signatures

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

10/19/2005

\_\_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).
- (1) Gift to third party, voluntary early report on Form 4.
- (2) Shares owned directly are owned jointly by Mr. Parker and his wife, Jacqueline F. Parker, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship.
- (3) Shares are owned by the Parker Family Limited Partnership, of which Mr. and Mrs. Parker are the general partners.
- (4) The number of shares reported beneficially owned following the reported transaction is equal to the reporting person's October 18, 2005, account balance, the latest balance available under the plan, in the employer stock fund under the issuer's 401(k) Plan divided by the

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closing price on October 18, 2005. The fund is unitized and as such does not itself allocate a specific number of shares to each participant.

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