

COVENANT TRANSPORTATION GROUP INC

Form 4

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LOVIN RALPH H JR

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)

CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/17/20114. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP and Secretary6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person**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)
Class A Common Stock	05/17/2011		A <sup>(1)</sup>	16,389 <sup>(1)</sup>	A \$ 0 56,539	D	
Class A Common Stock					10,814 <sup>(2)</sup>	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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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
LOVIN RALPH H JR 400 BIRMINGHAM HIGHWAY CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419	Executive VP and Secretary

## Signatures

/s/ Ralph H. Lovin, Jr., by Heidi Hornung-Scherr, attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a POA  
previously filed with the SEC

05/19/2011

\_\_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 award is subject to certain vesting and forfeiture provisions.

The number of shares beneficially owned following the reported transaction is equal to the reporting person's May 17, 2011 account balance in the employer stock fund under the issuer's 401(k) plan divided by the closing price on May 17, 2011. The plan is unitized and as such does not itself allocate a specific number of shares to each participant.

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