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COVENANT TRANSPORTATION GROUP INC Form 4 April 01, 2013 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LOVIN RALPH H JR Issuer Symbol COVENANT TRANSPORTATION (Check all applicable) **GROUP INC [CVTI]** (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) **400 BIRMINGHAM HIGHWAY** 03/28/2013 Executive VP and Secretary (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Ownership Indirect Form: Direct (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Class A 2,529Common $F^{(1)}$ D 85.999 D 03/28/2013 (1)6.04 Stock Class A Common 17,122 (2) I (2) 401(k) Stock By Class A grandchild Common 2,700 (3) I (3) under Stock custody account ⁽³⁾

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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) | 4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Expiration D (Month/Day/ e | Date Exercisable and piration Date lonth/Day/Year) | | le and int of rlying ities . 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | Code V | . , | 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 04/01/2013 previously filed with the SEC

**Signature of 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) Represents shares surrendered to the issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with vesting of restricted stock granted to the reporting person.

The number of shares beneficially owned following the reported transaction is equal to the reporting person's March 26, 2013 account(2) balance in the employer stock fund under the issuer's 401(k) plan divided by the closing price on March 26, 2013. The plan is unitized and as such does not itself allocate a specific number of shares to each participant.

The shares are held as custodian for minor grandchild. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities and this(3) report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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Date

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