

COVANTA HOLDING CORP  
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 \*  
Barse David Michael

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/09/2007

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

622 THIRD AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR

(Street)

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

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value   | 08/09/2007                           |  | M                              |   | 5,600 A \$ 7.0625   | 488,677  | D                                 |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value   | 08/09/2007                           |  | S                              |   | 900 D \$ 23.02  | 487,777  | D                                 |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par         | 08/09/2007                           |  | S                              |   | 1,400 D \$ 23.03  | 486,377  | D                                 |

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|--|------------|---|--------|---|--------------|---------|---|
| value                                  |            |   |        |   |              |         |   |
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.10 par<br>value | 08/09/2007 | S | 1,300  | D | \$ 23.04     | 485,077 | D |
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.10 par<br>value | 08/09/2007 | S | 1,500  | D | \$ 23.05     | 483,577 | D |
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.10 par<br>value | 08/09/2007 | S | 500    | D | \$ 23.06     | 483,077 | D |
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.10 par<br>value | 08/13/2007 | M | 44,000 | A | \$<br>7.0625 | 527,477 | D |
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.10 par<br>value | 08/13/2007 | S | 1,900  | D | \$ 22.5      | 525,577 | D |
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.10 par<br>value | 08/13/2007 | S | 400    | D | \$ 22.52     | 525,177 | D |
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.10 par<br>value | 08/13/2007 | S | 294    | D | \$ 22.53     | 524,883 | D |
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.10 par<br>value | 08/13/2007 | S | 200    | D | \$ 22.54     | 524,683 | D |
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.10 par<br>value | 08/13/2007 | S | 500    | D | \$ 22.55     | 524,183 | D |
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.10 par<br>value | 08/13/2007 | S | 1,200  | D | \$ 22.56     | 522,983 | D |
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.10 par<br>value | 08/13/2007 | S | 400    | D | \$ 22.57     | 522,583 | D |

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| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 1,300 | D | \$ 22.58 | 521,283 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 2,400 | D | \$ 22.59 | 518,883 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 2,900 | D | \$ 22.6  | 515,983 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 1,906 | D | \$ 22.61 | 514,077 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 900   | D | \$ 22.62 | 513,177 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 200   | D | \$ 22.63 | 512,977 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 22.64 | 510,977 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 1,400 | D | \$ 22.65 | 509,577 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 4,500 | D | \$ 22.66 | 505,077 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 3,100 | D | \$ 22.67 | 501,977 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 200   | D | \$ 22.68 | 501,777 | D |
|                               | 08/13/2007 | S | 400   | D | \$ 22.69 | 501,377 | D |

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|-------------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|---------|---|
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value |            |   |       |   |          |         |   |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 300   | D | \$ 22.7  | 501,077 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 300   | D | \$ 22.71 | 500,777 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 100   | D | \$ 22.72 | 500,677 | D |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 08/13/2007 | S | 2,700 | D | \$ 22.73 | 497,977 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                         | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option to purchase common stock (right to buy) | \$ 7.0625  | 08/09/2007                           |  | M                              | 5,600   | <u>(1)</u>   | 12/15/2007  | Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 5,600                      |
|  | \$ 7.0625  | 08/13/2007                           |  | M                              | 44,400  | <u>(1)</u>   | 12/15/2007  |                               | 44,400                     |

Option to purchase common stock (right to buy)

Common Stock, \$.10 par value

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Barse David Michael<br>622 THIRD AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10017 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ David M. Barse 08/13/2007

\*\*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) 25,000 shares became exercisable on June 15, 1998; 8,333 shares became exercisable on December 15, 1998; 8,333 shares became exercisable on December 15, 1999 and 8,334 shares became exercisable on December 15, 2000.

### Remarks:

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