

TRANSALTA CORP  
Form 6-K  
September 13, 2012

**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of September, 2012

**TRANSALTA CORPORATION**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**110-12<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W., Box 1900, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2M1**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes

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No

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The document listed below as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 6-K is a copy of the Registrant's news release dated September 13, 2012 announcing TransAlta Corporation closes Cdn \$275 million sale of common shares with respect to the Corporation's common share offering made in Canada and the United States only to qualified institutional buyers or outside the United States in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. This news release is being furnished, not filed, solely to supply information in accordance with Regulation FD and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by TransAlta Corporation under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

99.1            Press release dated September 13, 2012 announcing TransAlta Corporation Closes Cdn \$275 Million Sale of Common Shares

Note that this news release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy the Common Shares in any jurisdiction. The Common Shares offered have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold within the United States absent registration under the U.S. Securities Act or an applicable exemption from such registration requirements. The Common Shares are being offered within the United States only to qualified institutional buyers and outside the United States in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act.

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**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**TransAlta Corporation**

By: /s/Maryse St.-Laurent  
Maryse St.-Laurent

*Vice-President and  
Corporate Secretary*

Date: September 13, 2012

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