

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 \*  
**ZELL SAMUEL**

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)  
**TWO N RIVERSIDE  
 PLAZA, SUITE 600**  
 (Street)  
**CHICAGO, IL 60606**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/05/2009**

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 6. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	03/05/2009		S		558,000	D	\$ 13.61 (1)	12,643,082	I (2)	Refer to FN 2
Common Stock	03/06/2009		S		35,400	D	\$ 13.59 (3)	12,607,682	I (2)	Refer to FN 2
Common Stock								2,341,500	I (4)	Refer to FN 4
Common Stock								15,000	D	

Common Stock	25,418	I <sup>(5)</sup>	Refer to FN 5
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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4.	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 Repor 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

ZELL SAMUEL TWO N RIVERSIDE PLAZA SUITE 600 CHICAGO, IL 60606	X
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## Signatures

Samuel Zell	03/09/2009
**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).
- Represents the weighted average price of multiple transactions with a range of prices between \$13.38 and \$13.97. The Reporting Persons,
- (1) upon request by the Commission Staff, the Issuer or a security holder of an Issuer, undertakes to provide further information regarding the number of securities purchased at each separate price.
- (2)

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Such shares are beneficially owned by SZ Investments, L.L.C. ("SZI"). SZI is indirectly owned by trusts established for the benefit of Samuel Zell and members of his family (the "Trusts"). The Trustee of the Trusts is Chai Trust Company, LLC, of which Samuel Zell is neither an officer nor a director, and thus he disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(3) Represents the weighted average price of multiple transactions with a range of prices between \$13.40 and \$13.70. The Reporting Persons, upon request by the Commission Staff, the Issuer or a security holder of an Issuer, undertakes to provide further information regarding the number of securities purchased at each separate price.

(4) Such shares are beneficially owned by EGI-Fund (05-07) Investors, L.L.C. ("05-07"), which is indirectly owned by the Trusts.

(5) Such shares of Common Stock are beneficially owned by the Helen Zell Revocable Trust ("HZRT"). Samuel Zell's spouse, Helen Zell, is the trustee of HZRT. Samuel Zell disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares held by HZRT except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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