

CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 CRETNEY TIMOTHY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC  
 [CWST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/12/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Regional Vice President

C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC., 25 GREENS HILL LANE

(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

RUTLAND, VT 05701

(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	(A) or (D)	Price	
Class A Common Stock	09/12/2008		M		4,500	A	\$ 13 4,500	D
Class A Common Stock	09/12/2008		M		333	A	\$ 11.01 4,833	D
Class A Common Stock	09/12/2008		M		4,500	A	\$ 12.75 9,333	D

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Class A Common Stock	09/12/2008		M	10,000	A	\$ 12	19,333	D
Class A Common Stock	09/12/2008		S	4,500	D	\$ 13.715	14,833	D
Class A Common Stock	09/12/2008		S	333	D	\$ 13.704	14,500	D
Class A Common Stock	09/12/2008		S	4,500	D	\$ 13.711	10,000	D
Class A Common Stock	09/12/2008		S	10,000	D	\$ 13.705	0	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
Option	\$ 13	09/12/2008		M	4,500	<sup>(1)</sup> 07/06/2016	Class A Common Stock	4,500
Option	\$ 11.01	09/12/2008		M	333	<sup>(1)</sup> 07/23/2017	Class A Common Stock	333
Option	\$ 12.75	09/12/2008		M	4,500	<sup>(1)</sup> 02/04/2012	Class A Common Stock	4,500
Option	\$ 12	09/12/2008		M	10,000	<sup>(1)</sup> 06/30/2015	Class A Common	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CRETNEY TIMOTHY A C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. 25 GREENS HILL LANE RUTLAND, VT 05701			Regional Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Timothy A.  
Cretney

09/15/2008

\*\*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) This Option is immediately exercisable.

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