

COVANTA HOLDING CORP  
 Form 4  
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**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 \*  
 DE SHAW LAMINAR PORTFOLIOS LLC

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)  
 39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45, 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/08/2006

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 See Footnotes 1 and 2.

NEW YORK, NY 10036

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/08/2006                           |  | S                              | 966,900 D \$ 20.85  | 26,160,605  | D  | (1) (2)                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 09/08/2006                           |  | S                              | 1,204,901 D \$ 20.81  | 24,955,704  | D  | (1) (2)                                    |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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                  |
| DE SHAW LAMINAR PORTFOLIOS LLC<br>39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45<br>120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET<br>NEW YORK, NY 10036 |               | X         |         | See Footnotes 1 and 2. |
| SHAW D E & CO L P /NY/<br>39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45<br>120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET<br>NEW YORK, NY 10036         |               | X         |         | See Footnotes 1 and 2. |
| D E SHAW & CO LLC<br>39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45<br>120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET<br>NEW YORK, NY 10036              |               | X         |         | See Footnotes 1 and 2. |
| SHAW DAVID E<br>39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45<br>120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET<br>NEW YORK, NY 10036                   |               | X         |         | See Footnotes 1 and 2. |

## Signatures

D. E. Shaw Laminar Portfolios, L.L.C. By: D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., as Managing Member  
By: /s/ Eric Wepsic, Managing Director 09/12/2006  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. By: /s/ Eric Wepsic, Managing Director 09/12/2006  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. By: /s/ Eric Wepsic, Managing Director 09/12/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

David E. Shaw By: /s/ Eric Wepsic, Attorney-in-Fact for David E. Shaw

09/12/2006

\_\_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) The securities of the Issuer to which this form relates are held directly by D. E. Shaw Laminar Portfolios, L.L.C. ("Laminar"). D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. ("DESCO LP"), as investment adviser to Laminar; D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. ("DESCO LLC"), as managing member of Laminar; and Mr. David E. Shaw ("David E. Shaw") (as president and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc., which is the general partner of DESCO LP, and as president and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co. II, Inc., which is the managing member of DESCO LLC) may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of more than 10% of the Common Stock of the Issuer for purposes of Rule 16a-1(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. (Continued in Footnote 2).

(2) In accordance with instruction 4(b)(iv), the entire number of shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by DESCO LP or DESCO LLC is reported herein. Each of DESCO LP, DESCO LLC, and David E. Shaw disclaims any beneficial ownership of any of the securities listed in this Form 4, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

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