CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC Form 3 April 16, 2008 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> MEILINGER PAUL			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC [CWST]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/08/2008	4. Relationsh Person(s) to l	ip of Reporting Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC., 25 GREENS HILL LANE (Street) RUTLAND, VT 05701		Direc X Offic (give title be			6. Individual or Joint/Group		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Deriva	tive Securities	s Beneficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		Ownership O	l. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Instr. 5)	
Reminder: Repo	•	ate line for ea	ch class of securities benefic	cially S	SEC 1473 (7-02)		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)			5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	

Shares	or Indirect
	(I)
	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MEILINGER PAUL C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. 25 GREENS HILL LANE RUTLAND, VT 05701	Â	Â	Market Area Manager	Â
Signatures				
/s/Paul				

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<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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