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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement WASTE CONNECTIONS INC/DE [WCN] **Â** Shea Patrick James (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 35 IRON POINT (Check all applicable) CIRCLE, Â SUITE 200 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting General Counsel & Secretary Person FOLSOM, CAÂ 95630 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 1,047 D Common Stock 2,250 (1) D Â Common Stock $1,320^{(2)}$ D Â Common Stock $3,000^{(3)}$ D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	le Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/23/2007	02/23/2014	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 17.23	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/23/2008	02/23/2010	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 22.01	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/14/2007(4)	02/14/2016	Common Stock	4,500	\$ 23.17	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
·r·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Shea Patrick James 35 IRON POINT CIRCLE SUITE 200 FOLSOM, CA 95630	Â	Â	General Counsel & Secretary	Â		

Signatures

Patrick Shea 03/04/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- This represents restricted stock units originally awarded 2/14/06. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of the issuer's common stock. Subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer, the remainder of the award shall vest and the underlying shares of common stock shall be issued in three equal installments commencing 2/14/09.
- This represents restricted stock units originally awarded 2/1/07. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. Subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer, the remainder of the award shall vest and the underlying shares of common stock shall be issued in four equal installments commencing 2/1/09.
- This represents restricted stock units awarded 2/5/08. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. Subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer, the award shall vest and the underlying shares of common stock shall be issued in five equal installments commencing 2/5/09.
- (4) This is an option for 4,500 shares with 1/4 exercisable 2/14/07, 2/14/08, 2/14/09 and 2/14/10.

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