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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Ad MITTELSTA | • | _ | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | WASTE CONNECTIONS INC/DE [WCN] | (Check all applicable) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify | | |
| 35 IRON POINT CIRCLE, SUITE 200 | | | 08/28/2008 | below) below) Chief Executive Officer | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| FOLSOM, C | A 95630 | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivative | Secui | rities Acquir | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | ed of (| ` ' | Beneficially Form Owned Direc | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | m: Beneficial ect (D) Ownership | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 08/28/2008 | | M | 92,515 | | \$ 16.62 | 377,238 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/28/2008 | | S | 92,515 | D | \$ 36.0417 | 284,723 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/28/2008 | | M | 37,521 | A | \$ 16.62 | 322,244 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/28/2008 | | S | 37,521 | D | \$ 36.1478 | 284,723 | 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisexpiration Date (Month/Day/Y | e | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.62 | 08/28/2008 | | M | 92,515 | 10/27/2005 | 02/03/2014 | Common Stock | 92,515 (2) |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to | \$ 16.62 | 08/28/2008 | | M | 37,521 | 10/27/2005 | 02/03/2014 | Common Stock | 37,521 (2) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| MITTELSTAEDT RONALD J 35 IRON POINT CIRCLE SUITE 200 FOLSOM, CA 95630 | X | | Chief Executive Officer | | | | |

Signatures

Buy)

| Ronald | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Mittelstaedt | 09/02/2008 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

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- ** 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 zero in Table II, Column 8 is a placeholder only that is required by the EDGAR software and should be disregarded.
 - This option was previously reported as an option for 102,327 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$37.40 per share, but was adjusted to reflect WCI's 3-for-2 stock splits in the form of 50% stock dividends effective June 24, 2004 and March 13, 2007.
- Accordingly, on March 13, 2007, the date the stock dividend was paid, the option became exercisable for 230,237 shares at an exercise price of \$16.62 per share.

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