## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup><br>SIMMONS GARY R   |   |  |        |  |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC CWST |     |     |  |   |                |   |                               |       | eck all appl<br>Direct                                      | ctor   |   | 10% O  | wner  |
|--|---|--|--------|--|---|--|-----|-----|--|---|----------------|---|-------------------------------|-------|---|--|---|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.   |   |  |        |  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>07/23/2007             |     |     |  |   |                |   |                               |       | <b>below</b>  | ficer (give title<br>low)<br>ee President, Flee  |   | Other (specify<br>below)<br>et Manageme                              |   |
| 25 GREENS HILL LANE  |   |  |        |  | 4. If A                                 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                   |     |     |  |   |                |   |                               |       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |  |   |  |   |
| (Street)<br>RUTLAND VT   |   | 05701                                      |        |  |   |  |     |     |  |   |                |   |                               |       | filed by One<br>filed by Mon<br>n                           |  | • |  |   |
| (City)   | ty) (State) (Zip)   |  |        |  |   |  |     |     |  |   |                |   |                               |       |   |  |   |  |   |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |   |  |        |  |   |  |     |     |  |   |                |   |                               |       |   |  |   |  |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)<br>2. Transacti<br>Date<br>(Month/Day  |   |  |        |  |   | Execution D  |     |     | 3.<br>Transacti<br>Code (Ins<br>8)                             |   |                | rities Acquired (<br>ed Of (D) (Instr. 3  |                               |       | Securit<br>Benefic<br>Owned                                 | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following   |   | wnership<br>n: Direct<br>or<br>rect (I)<br>tr. 4)                    | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   |  |        |  |   |  |     |     | Code   | v | Amoun          | t (A<br>(D  | ) or<br>)                     | Price | Report<br>Transa  |  |   |  | (1130.4)  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned         (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |  |        |  |   |  |     |     |  |   |                |   |                               |       |   |  |   |  |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | if any |  | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |  |     |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   |                | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |                               |       | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)      | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(<br>(Instr. 4) |   | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership   |
|  |   |  |        |  | Code                                    | v  | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  |   | piration<br>te | Title<br>Class A  | Amo<br>or<br>Nun<br>of<br>Sha | nber  |   |  |   |  |   |

## Explanation of Responses:

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Option

1. This option shall become exercisable with respect to one third of the original number of Shares granted on the first anniversary of the Grant Date and shall become exercisable with respect to an additional one third of such Shares on each of the second and third anniversaries of the Grant Date.

(1)

07/23/2017

Common

Stock

<u>/s/ Gary R. Simmons</u> <u>08/01/2007</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $^{\ast}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

07/23/2007

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