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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CASELLA DOUGLAS R</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>25 GREENS HILL LANE</u> <u>PO BOX 866</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>RUTLAND VT 05702</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip) | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC [</u> <u>CWST]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/18/2003</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice Chairman, Bd of Directors</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Option | \$9.12 | 06/18/2003 | | A | | 20,000 | | (1) | 06/17/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 20,000 | \$9.12 | 20,000 | D | |
| Option | \$9.12 | 06/18/2003 | | A | | 10,000 | | (2) | 06/17/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 10,000 | \$9.12 | 10,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- This option is immediately exercisable with respect to 10,000 of the shares granted and shall become exercisable with respect to the remaining 10,000 shares on June 18, 2004.
- This option shall become fully exercisable on June 18, 2005.

/s/ Douglas R. Casella 09/29/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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