

MITTELSTAEDT RONALD J
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MITTELSTAEDT RONALD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WASTE CONNECTIONS INC/DE [WCN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
35 IRON POINT CIRCLE, SUITE 200
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/27/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer

FOLSOM, CA 95630

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 08/27/2008 | | M | A | \$ 16.62 | 362,202 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/27/2008 | | S | D | \$ 36.087 | 284,723 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/28/2008 | | S | D | \$ 36.0423 | 185,223 | 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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.62 | 08/27/2008 | | M | 77,479 (2) | 10/25/2007 | 02/03/2014 | Common Stock | 77,479 |

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

Ronald
Mittelstaedt 08/29/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(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.
(2) 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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