

Miller Michael W  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Miller Michael W

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
COVENANT TRANSPORT INC  
[CVTI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
400 BIRMINGHAM HIGHWAY  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/10/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Exec Vice President & COO

CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock			Code V	Amount (D) Price	11,854	I	401(k) <sup>(1)</sup>

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)

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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 Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Employee Stock Option (Right-to-Buy) Class A Common Stock	\$ 13.64	05/10/2005		A	10,000	05/10/2005	05/10/2015 <sup>(2)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Miller Michael W 400 BIRMINGHAM HIGHWAY CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419			Exec Vice President & COO	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael W. Miller, by Mark A. Scudder, attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a POA previously filed with the SEC

05/12/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- The number of shares reported beneficially owned following the reported transaction is equal to the reporting person's May 10, 2005, account balance, the latest balance available under the plan, in the employer stock fund under the issuer's 401(k) Plan divided by the closing price on May 10, 2005. The fund is unitized and as such does not itself allocate a specific number of shares to each participant.
- The option to purchase is subject to earlier termination in the event of termination of the reporting person's employment with the issuer.
- (1) Termination provisions are set forth in the stock option agreement between the reporting person and the issuer and in the issuer's 2003 Incentive Stock Plan.
  - (2) Upon exercise, the derivative security converts on a one-for-one basis into Class A Common Stock. The reporting person does not have to pay for the derivative security upon grant. The exercise price of the derivative security is set forth in Column 2 of Table II of this report.

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