

Merrill Eric
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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 *
 Merrill Eric

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2295 IRON POINT ROAD, SUITE 200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/11/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/11/2010		F	762 ⁽¹⁾	D \$ 31.91	37,693	D
Common Stock	02/11/2010		A	5,713 ⁽²⁾	A \$ 0	43,406	D
Common Stock	02/11/2010		A	5,714 ⁽³⁾	A \$ 0	49,120	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/14/2010		F	749 ⁽¹⁾	D \$ 32.17	48,371	D

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

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- This represents an award of restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the
- (3) issuer's common stock. Subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer, the award shall vest in four equal, annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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