

COVANCE INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
COSTLEY GARY E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

COVANCE INC., 210 CARNEGIE CENTER

(Street)

PRINCETON, NJ 08540-6233

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COVANCE INC [CVD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/20/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/20/2011		M	800 A \$ 0	1,800	D	
Common Stock	05/20/2011		D	800 D \$ 60.98	1,000	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)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units (DRUP) - 2011 Award	(1)	05/20/2011		A	1,505	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,505
Phantom Stock Units (drup) - 2008 Award	(2)	05/20/2011		M	800	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COSTLEY GARY E COVANCE INC. 210 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540-6233		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Ross A. Hyams, Power of Attorney  
05/20/2011

\_\_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).
- (1) Phantom Stock Units were granted to said Director under the Company's Restricted Unit Plan for Non-Employee Directors and are payable in cash on a date determined in accordance with the Plan.
- (2)

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The Phantom Stock Units were granted to Mr. Costley under the Company's Restricted Unit Plan for Non-Employee Directors and are payable in cash on a date determined in accordance with the plan.

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