

TRANSALTA CORP  
Form 40-F/A  
September 16, 2009

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

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**FORM 40-F/A**

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**REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**OR**

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13(a) OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008  
Commission file number 001-15214

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**TRANSALTA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Not applicable**  
(Translation of Registrant's  
name into English  
(if applicable))

**Canada**  
(Province or other  
jurisdiction of incorporation  
or organization)

**4911**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number  
(if applicable))

**Not Applicable**  
(I.R.S Employer  
Identification Number  
(if applicable))

**110-12<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W., Box 1900, Station "M",  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 2M1,  
(403) 267-7110**

(Address and telephone number of Registrant's principal executive offices)

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**CT Corporation System, 111 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
New York, New York, 10011, (212) 894-8400**

(Name, address (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code) of agent for service in the United States)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class  
**Common Shares, no par value  
Common Share Purchase Rights**

Name of each exchange on which registered  
**New York Stock Exchange  
New York Stock Exchange**

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

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**None**  
(Title of Class)

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:

**None**  
(Title of Class)

For annual reports, indicate by check mark the information filed with this form:

Annual information form  Audited annual financial statements

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report:

At December 31, 2008, 197,622,215 common shares were issued and outstanding.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by filing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). If "Yes" is marked, indicate the file number assigned to the Registrant in connection with such Rule.

Yes  82-\_\_\_\_\_ No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes  No

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Amendment to Form 40-F is being filed solely (a) to clarify that our Annual Information Form, Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 and Management's Discussion and Analysis that were previously submitted with our Form 40-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 are expressly incorporated by reference in our Form 40-F and are filed not furnished as Exhibits 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3, respectively, thereto, (b) to separately code those materials as exhibits in the EDGAR file and (c) to relocate the list of Exhibits to the body of the Form 40-F prior to the signature page.

**EXHIBITS AND DOCUMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS FILING**

The following items are specifically incorporated by reference in, and form an integral part of, this filing (except to the extent otherwise provided therein and except that only pages 66 through 111 and 19 through 65 of the TransAlta Corporation 2008 Annual Report to shareholders as referred to below shall be deemed incorporated herein by reference and filed, and the balance of such 2008 Annual Report shall not be deemed to be filed under the Exchange Act with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of this Form 40-F):

- 13.1 TransAlta Corporation Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2008.\*
- 13.2 Consolidated Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 (included on pages 66 through 111 of the 2008 TransAlta Annual Report to shareholders).\*
- 13.3 Management's Discussion and Analysis (included on pages 19 through 65 of the 2008 TransAlta Annual Report to shareholders).\*
- 13.4 Reconciliation to United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles of the 2008 Consolidated Audited Financial Statements (incorporated by reference to exhibit 13.4 to TransAlta Corporation's Form 40-F filed on March 16, 2009 File No. 001-15214).
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst and Young LLP Chartered Accountants.\*
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 and Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*
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- 32.1 Certification of President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 32.1 to TransAlta Corporation's Form 40-F filed on March 16, 2009 File No. 001-15214).
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 32.2 to TransAlta Corporation's Form 40-F filed on March 16, 2009 File No. 001-15214).
- 99.1 2008 TransAlta Annual Report to shareholders (from the front cover through page 18 and page 112 through the back cover are furnished and not filed).

**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

The documents (or portions thereof) forming part of this Form 40-F, including the exhibits hereto, are incorporated by reference into the following registration statements under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

<b>Form</b>	<b>Registration No.</b>
S-8	333-72454
S-8	333-101470
F-10	333-155243

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\* Filed herewith.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the Registrant certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 40-F/A and has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized, in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, Canada.

**TRANSALTA CORPORATION**

/s/ BRIAN BURDEN

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Brian Burden  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: September 16, 2009

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