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

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **August 12, 2009**

**Casella Waste Systems, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**000-23211**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**03-0338873**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**25 Greens Hill Lane**  
**Rutland, Vermont**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**05701**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(802) 775-0325**

**Not applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On August 12, 2009, John Quinn, the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Casella Waste Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) tendered his resignation to the Company. Mr. Quinn’s decision to resign was based on his acceptance of the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer beginning in the fourth quarter of 2009 with LKQ Corporation, the largest nationwide provider of alternative replacement parts to repair automobiles and trucks. Pursuant to the terms of Mr. Quinn’s employment agreement with the Company (the “Employment Agreement”), Mr. Quinn’s resignation will be effective on September 25, 2009 (the “Effective Date”). Mr. Quinn will continue to serve as an employee of the Company and as its principal financial officer through the Effective Date.

A copy of the Company’s press release announcing Mr. Quinn’s resignation is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

Date: August 17, 2009

By: /s/ John Casella  
John Casella  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release of Casella Waste Systems, Inc. dated August 17, 2009

**JOHN QUINN TO RESIGN AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.**

**RUTLAND, VERMONT** (August 17, 2009) – Casella Waste Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: CWST), a regional solid waste, recycling and resource management services company, announced today that John Quinn will resign his role as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer effective September 25, 2009.

Mr. Quinn has accepted the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of LKQ Corporation, the largest nationwide provider of alternative replacement parts to repair automobiles and trucks.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for John to work with old friends and colleagues,” John W. Casella, Chairman and CEO of Casella Waste Systems, said. “While we are disappointed by John’s decision, this opportunity came with a significant compensation package commensurate with the larger size of LKQ, which generates roughly \$2.0 billion of annual revenue.”

“John’s time with the company was very productive from our perspective,” Casella said. “He played a key role in the successful refinancing of our senior secured credit facility in July, which has put us on a firm foundation for the future with no major debt maturities until December 31, 2012.”

“We thank John for his contribution and wish him the best in his new role,” Casella said. “John will continue in his role as Chief Financial Officer until September 25, 2009 to help with a positive transition.”

The company has begun an immediate search for a new Chief Financial Officer.

**About Casella Waste Systems, Inc.**

Casella Waste Systems is an integrated solid waste and resource management company headquartered in Rutland, Vermont. For further information, investors should contact John Casella, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at (802) 772-2214 or John Quinn, Chief Financial Officer at (802) 772-2241 or Ned Coletta, Director of Investor Relations at (802) 772-2239; or visit the company’s website at <http://www.casella.com>.

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