

TRANSALTA CORP  
Form 6-K  
October 13, 2009

**FORM 6-K  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of October 2009

**TRANSALTA CORPORATION**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**110-12<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W., Box 1900, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2M1**

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes No

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The documents listed below as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 to this Form 6-K are being furnished, not filed, and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by TransAlta Corporation under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

- 99.1 Notice of Variation and Extension dated October 8, 2009
- 99.2 News release dated October 9, 2009 announcing Transalta announces mailing of notice of variation and extension increasing its offer for Canadian Hydro Developers to \$5.25 cash per share and extending to October 20, 2009

**SIGNATURES**

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, thereunto duly authorized.

TRANSALTA CORPORATION

Dated: October 8, 2009

By:

/s/ Maryse St.-Laurent

Name: Maryse St.-Laurent

Title:

*Corporate Secretary*

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