

TRANSALTA CORP  
Form 6-K  
December 19, 2016

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

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of December 2016

**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 offices)

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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The document listed below as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 6-K is a copy of the Registrant's news release dated December 19, 2016 announcing "TransAlta Corporation Announces Preferred Share Exchange"

This news release is 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 "TransAlta Corporation Announces Preferred Share Exchange"

**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**

By: /s/Donald Tremblay  
Donald Tremblay  
Chief Financial Officer  
Date: December 19, 2016

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Press release dated December 19, 2016 announcing “TransAlta Corporation Announces Preferred Share Exchange”