

BERSHAD JACK R
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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 *
BERSHAD JACK R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/
[CBH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BLANK ROME LLP, ONE
LOGAN SQUARE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/08/2005

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

(Street)

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103-6998

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. F
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec (In		
								Code V	(A) (D)
Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾	\$ 31.38	03/08/2005	A	7,500	<u>(2)</u>	03/08/2015	Common Stock	7,500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERSHAD JACK R C/O BLANK ROME LLP ONE LOGAN SQUARE PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103-6998	X			

Signatures

Jack R. Bershad 03/10/2005

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) Granted under the Company's 1989 & 1998 Employee Stock Option Plans, which are 16b-3 plans.

(2) The stock options are exercisable in 25% increments on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th anniversaries of the grant dates.

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