

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/
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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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/18/2006

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

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|----------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/18/2006 | | F | D | 625 | \$ 37.5 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/18/2006 | | M | A | 6,068 | \$ 3.86 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 89,343 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 62,794 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By Wife |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 0 | I | Helen Bershada |

Foundation

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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Right to Buy ⁽²⁾ | \$ 3.86 | 04/18/2006 | | M | 6,068 | 06/18/1997 06/18/2006 | Common Stock | 6,068 |

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 04/20/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Clerical Error

(2) Granted under the Company's 1989 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors, which is a 16b-3 plan.

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