

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  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/20/2005

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

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103-6998

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

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/20/2005                           |  | C                              | 3,791 A <u>11</u>   | 83,129  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/20/2005                           |  | C                              | 1,896 A <u>11</u>   | 64,586  | I  | By Wife                                    |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 400   | I  | Helen Bershada Foundation                  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 0   | I  | Helen Bershada Foundation                  |

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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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| 5.95% Conv Trust Pref Sec of Comm Cap Trust II | <u>(1)</u>   | 09/20/2005                           |  | C                              | 2,000   | <u>(1)</u> 03/11/2032                                    | Common Stock  | 3,791                         |
| 5.95% Conv Trust Pref Sec of Comm Cap Trust II | <u>(1)</u>   | 09/20/2005                           |  | C                              | 1,000   | <u>(1)</u> 03/11/2032                                    | Common Stock  | 1,896                         |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Jack R. Bershad

09/22/2005

\_\_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) On August 15, 2005, the Company announced the redemption of its publicly traded 5.95% Convertible Trust Preferred Securities issued by Commerce Capital Trust II on May 11, 2002. Pursuant to the terms of the Indenture, each Convertible Trust Preferred Security was converted into 1.8956 shares of Commerce Bancorp, Inc. common stock (equal to a conversion price of approximately \$26.38).

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