

COMMERCE GROUP INC /MA  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BUTLER ERIC G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COMMERCE GROUP INC /MA [CGI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
17 D'ORLANDO WAY  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/16/2007

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

DANVERS, MA 01923  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common stock					274,848 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common stock					80,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	See <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>

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
Stock Option	\$ 30.36	02/16/2007		A	4,008	02/16/2007 02/15/2017	Common stock	4,008

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUTLER ERIC G 17 D'ORLANDO WAY DANVERS, MA 01923		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Eric G.  
Butler

03/15/2007

\*\*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 June 9, 2006, the common stock of The Commerce Group, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of 137,424 additional shares of common stock.
- (2) On June 9, 2006, the common stock of The Commerce Group, Inc. split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of 40,000 additional shares of common stock.
- (3) 80,000 shares are owned by the undersigned's wife.
- (4) The filing of this statement by the undersigned is not to be construed as and shall not be deemed to be an admission that the undersigned is, for the purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, amended, a beneficial owner of the shares indicated above.

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