

SPILLANE JOHN W  
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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 \*  
SPILLANE JOHN W

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)  
23 INSTITUTE ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/28/2004

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

(Street)  
WORCESTER, MA 01609

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |                                   |
| Common stock                    | 12/28/2004                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 1,770 D \$ 0  | 707,684   | D  |                                   |
| Common stock                    | 12/28/2004                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 1,770 A \$ 0  | 43,808  | I  | See <u>(2)</u> <u>(5)</u>         |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,212   | I  | See <u>(3)</u> <u>(5)</u>         |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,000   | I  | See <u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>         |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SPILLANE JOHN W<br>23 INSTITUTE ROAD<br>WORCESTER, MA 01609 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John W.  
Spillane 01/07/2005

\_\_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) Gift of 1,770 shares to members of reporting person's immediate family sharing the reporting person's household.
- (2) 43,808 shares are owned by the undersigned's children.
- (3) 1,212 shares are owned by a trust established by the undersigned for one of his sons, of which the undersigned's son is the trustee.
- (4) 5,000 shares are owned by a trust of which the undersigned's son is the trustee.
- (5) 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, as amended, a beneficial owner of these shares.

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