

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/
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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 *
BUCKELEW JOSEPH

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/25/2008

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

C/O COMMERCE BANK
SHORE, 1101 HOOPER STREET

(Street)

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

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2008 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 494,408 | D | 0 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2008 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 17,934 | D | 0 ⁽³⁾ | I 401(k) |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2008 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 6,945 | D | 0 ⁽³⁾ | I 401(k) Allocation |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2008 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 316,976 | D | 0 | I By Wife |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2008 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 9,556 | D | 0 | I Buckelew & Lake |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|---------|---|------------|------------------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 03/31/2008 | J ⁽¹⁾ | 150,000 | D | <u>(1)</u> | 0 ⁽²⁾ | I | Joseph E. Buckelew Charitable Remainder Trust |
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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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount of Number of Shares |
| Right to Buy ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 20.06 | 03/31/2008 | | J ⁽⁵⁾ | 100,000 | 02/04/2003 | 02/04/2012 | Common Stock | 100,000 |
| Right to Buy ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 21.4 | 03/31/2008 | | J ⁽⁵⁾ | 100,000 | ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/16/2013 | Common Stock | 100,000 |
| Right to Buy ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 29.45 | 03/31/2008 | | J ⁽⁵⁾ | 80,000 | ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/03/2014 | Common Stock | 80,000 |
| Right to Buy ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 31.38 | 03/31/2008 | | J ⁽⁵⁾ | 25,000 | ⁽⁵⁾ | 03/08/2015 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Right to Buy ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 36.37 | 03/31/2008 | | J ⁽⁵⁾ | 25,000 | ⁽⁵⁾ | 03/14/2016 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Right to Buy ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 33.12 | 03/31/2008 | | J ⁽⁵⁾ | 25,000 | ⁽⁵⁾ | 03/20/2017 | Common Stock | 25,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BUCKELEW JOSEPH C/O COMMERCE BANK SHORE 1101 HOOPER STREET TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754 | X | | | |

Signatures

Joseph
Buckelew

04/02/2008

 Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- Shares disposed of as a result of the merger between Commerce Bancorp, Inc. (CBH) and the Toronto-Dominion Bank (TD) pursuant to
- (1) which each share of CBH common stock was exchanged for 0.4142 shares of TD common stock having a market value of \$59.60 per share on the effective date of the merger and \$10.50 in cash.
 - (2) On March 25, 2008, 150,000 shares previously owned directly by Mr. Buckelew were transferred into the Joseph E. Buckelew Charitable Remainder Trust.
 - (3) Reflects 401(k) allocations that have occurred since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report..
 - (4) Granted under the Company's 2004 Employee Stock Option Plan, which is a 16b-3 plan.

- Per the terms of the Merger Agreement with TD, UPON COMPLETION OF THE MERGER, each outstanding option to purchase CBH common stock was converted to an option to purchase TD common stock on substantially the same terms, except that the number of
- (5) options was adjusted by multiplying the number of CBH options by 0.5522, the grant price was adjusted by dividing the CBH grant price by 0.5522, and the options became immediately exercisable at the effective time of the merger and will remain exercisable until the expiration date of the option.

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