

COMMERCE GROUP INC /MA

Form 4

November 08, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STAFFIERI JOSEPH

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 PEACH TREE DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/05/2004

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Senior Vice President

SUTTON, MA 01590

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(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)
Common stock	11/05/2004		M	10,794 A \$ 30.8	10,794	D	
Common stock	11/05/2004		S	10,148 D \$ 53.7	646	D	
Common stock	11/05/2004		S	300 D \$ 53.85	346	D	
Common stock	11/05/2004		S	346 D \$ 53.73	0	D	
Common stock					1,202	I	See ⁽¹⁾

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Option to purchase common stock	\$ 30.8	11/05/2004		M	10,794	04/06/2004 04/07/2009	Common Stock	10,794

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
STAFFIERI JOSEPH 17 PEACH TREE DRIVE SUTTON, MA 01590	Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Joseph J.
Staffieri 11/08/2004
 **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).

The reporting person indirectly beneficially owns 1,202 shares that are held by the Employee Stock Ownership Plan of The Commerce Group, Inc., which number of shares is calculated based on the units that have been credited to the reporting person as a participant in the ESOP and is subject to adjustment from time to time due, in part, to the unit value and the price per share of the Common Stock.

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