

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 \*  
HILL VERNON W II

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)  
04/13/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, CEO & President

COMMERCE BANCORP,  
INC, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST

(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

CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					1,292,680	D	
Common Stock	04/13/2005		P	2,206	A \$ 30.21	90,078	I by Wife
Common Stock					71,496	I	InterArch
Common Stock					325,808	I	InterArch PS Plan
Common Stock					245,572	I	Hill Family Trust

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Common Stock	322,140	I	Hill Foundation
Common Stock	305,790	I	J.V. Properties
Common Stock	291,084	I	S.J. Dining
Common Stock	297,332	I	U.S. Restaurants
Common Stock	207,360	I	Site Development
Common Stock	9,045	I	Galloway National Golf
Common Stock	6,300	I	401 (k)
Common Stock	75,296	I	ESOP Allocation

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
Call Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30	04/13/2005		P	10	04/13/2005 01/20/2007	Common Stock	1,000
Call Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30	04/13/2005		P	420	04/13/2005 01/20/2007	Common Stock	42,000

Call Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30	04/13/2005	P	440	04/13/2005	01/20/2007	Common Stock	44,000	\$
Call Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30	04/13/2005	P	130	04/13/2005	01/20/2007	Common Stock	13,000	\$

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HILL VERNON W II COMMERCE BANCORP, INC 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034	X		Chairman, CEO & President	

## Signatures

Vernon W. Hill                      04/15/2005  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).

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