

COMMERCE GROUP INC /MA  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**FELS GERALD**

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)  
**271 THOMPSON RD**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/14/2004**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Exec. Vice Pres. & CFO**

**WEBSTER, MA 01570**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2004                           |  | G                              | V 20,000 D \$ 0   | 313,942   | D  |                                   |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 212,616   | I  | See <u>(1)</u> <u>(6)</u>         |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 15,540  | I  | See <u>(2)</u> <u>(6)</u>         |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 21,532  | I  | See <u>(3)</u> <u>(6)</u>         |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,500   | I  | See <u>(4)</u> <u>(6)</u>         |

Common stock 1,080 I See (5)

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. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                      | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| FELS GERALD<br>271 THOMPSON RD<br>WEBSTER, MA 01570 | X             |           | Exec. Vice Pres. & CFO |       |

## Signatures

Gerald Fels 12/22/2004  
 \*\*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).
- (1) 212,616 shares are owned by the undersigned's wife
- (2) 15,540 shares are owned by the undersigned's wife and daughter as joint tenants
- (3) 21,532 shares are owned by the undersigned's wife and son as joint tenants
- (4) 1,500 shares are owned by the undersigned as custodian for his grandson

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- The reporting person indirectly beneficially owns 1,080 shares that are held by the Employee Stock Ownership Plan of The Commerce
- (5) 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.
  - (6) 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 the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, a beneficial owner of these shares.

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