

GRIFFITH JOHN J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
GRIFFITH JOHN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COMMERCIAL FEDERAL CORP  
[CFB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
13500 COMMERCIAL FEDERAL  
PLAZA  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/02/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
First Vice President/CFB

OMAHA, NE 68154

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/02/2005		D		\$ 34 <u>(1)</u>	0	D
Common Stock	12/02/2005		D		\$ 34 <u>(2)</u>	0	I By 401(k)
Common Stock	12/02/2005		D		\$ 34 <u>(2)</u>	0	I By Restricted Stock

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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.19	12/02/2005		D	5,000	05/12/1999	05/12/2009	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.69	12/02/2005		D	7,800	05/17/2000	05/17/2010	Common Stock	7,800
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22	12/02/2005		D	7,000	03/01/2001	03/01/2011	Common Stock	7,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25	12/02/2005		D	7,000	03/01/2002	03/01/2012	Common Stock	7,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.54	12/02/2005		D	7,500	02/27/2003	02/27/2013	Common Stock	7,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.9	12/02/2005		D	6,000	02/25/2004	02/25/2014	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.06	12/02/2005		D	9,000	02/23/2005	02/23/2015	Common Stock	9,000

Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.22	12/02/2005	D	246	06/13/1996	06/13/2006	Common Stock	246
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.17	12/02/2005	D	2,264	05/14/1997	05/14/2007	Common Stock	2,264
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.16	12/02/2005	D	3,927	05/13/1998	05/13/2008	Common Stock	3,927
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.16	12/02/2005	D	1,073	05/14/1998	05/14/2008	Common Stock	1,073

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRIFFITH JOHN J 13500 COMMERCIAL FEDERAL PLAZA OMAHA, NE 68154			First Vice President/CFB	

## Signatures

By: Joel E. Rappoport,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/06/2005

\_\_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) Disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement between Commercial Federal Corporation and Bank of the West in exchange for cash consideration of \$34.00 per share.
  - (2) This amount reflects a reinvestment of dividends.
  - (3) This option was canceled in the merger in exchange for a cash payment representing the difference between the merger consideration of \$34.00 per share and the exercise price of the option.
  - (4) Because the exercise price of this option exceeded the merger consideration of \$34.00 per share, a \$0.50 cash dividend was paid for each share subject to this option and the option was then cancelled.

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