

GRIFFITH JOHN J  
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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

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

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
First Vice President/CFB

(Street)  
OMAHA, NE 68154

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount Price<br>(1) (1)                      |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/02/2005                           |  | D                              | 3,481 D \$ 34 (1)   | 0   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/02/2005                           |  | D                              | 5,010 (2) D \$ 34 (1)   | 0   | I  | By 401(k)                         |
| Common Stock                    | 12/02/2005                           |  | D                              | 2,277 (2) D \$ 34 (1)   | 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<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 17.22 | 12/02/2005 | D | 246   | 06/13/1996 | 06/13/2006 | Common<br>Stock | 246   |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 22.17 | 12/02/2005 | D | 2,264 | 05/14/1997 | 05/14/2007 | Common<br>Stock | 2,264 |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 34.16 | 12/02/2005 | D | 3,927 | 05/13/1998 | 05/13/2008 | Common<br>Stock | 3,927 |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 34.16 | 12/02/2005 | D | 1,073 | 05/14/1998 | 05/14/2008 | Common<br>Stock | 1,073 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| GRIFFITH JOHN J<br>13500 COMMERCIAL FEDERAL PLAZA<br>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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