

FITZGERALD WILLIAM A  
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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 \*  
 FITZGERALD WILLIAM A

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 CEO & Chairman of Board

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/21/2005

OMAHA, NE 68154

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

(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)
				Code V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	12/02/2005			D	\$ 34 (1)	0	D
Common Stock	10/21/2005			S	191,152 (2)	0	I By 401(k)
Common Stock	12/02/2005			D	\$ 34 (1)	0	I By Rabbi Trust
Common Stock	12/02/2005			D	\$ 34 (1)	0	I By Restricted Stock
Common Stock	12/02/2005			D	\$ 34 (1)	0	I By Spouse

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Common Stock	12/02/2005		D	20,122 <u>(3)</u>	D	\$ 34 <u>(1)</u>	0	I	By Stk Opt & Rst Stk Deferral Plan
Common Stock	12/02/2005		D	919 <u>(3)</u>	D	\$ 34 <u>(1)</u>	0	I	Spouse-DRIP

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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.22	12/02/2005		D	45,000	06/13/1996	06/13/2006	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.17	12/02/2005		D	45,000	05/14/1997	05/14/2007	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.16	12/02/2005		D	150,000	05/13/1998	05/13/2008	Common Stock	150,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.19	12/02/2005		D	96,447	05/12/1999	05/12/2009	Common Stock	96,447
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.69	12/02/2005		D	113,527	05/17/2000	05/17/2010	Common Stock	113,527
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 22	12/02/2005		D	142,478	03/01/2001	03/01/2011	Common Stock	142,478

Buy)

Stock

Option  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 25

12/02/2005

D

150,000

03/01/2002 03/01/2012

Common  
Stock

150,000

Stock

Option  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 22.54

12/02/2005

D

100,000

02/27/2003 02/27/2013

Common  
Stock

100,000

Stock

Option  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 27.9

12/02/2005

D

75,000

02/25/2004 02/25/2014

Common  
Stock

75,000

Stock

Option  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 27.06

12/02/2005

D

60,000

02/23/2005 02/23/2015

Common  
Stock

60,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director

10% Owner

Officer

Other

FITZGERALD WILLIAM A  
13500 COMMERCIAL FEDERAL PLAZA  
OMAHA, NE 68154

X

CEO & Chairman of Board

## 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) Transfer of shares from 401(k) Plan's issuer stock fund to another investment election under the 401(k) Plan.
- (3) This amount reflects a reinvestment of dividends.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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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