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## DIRECT GENERAL CORP Form 3 February 14, 2005 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB approval

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 Add Person <u>*</u> COLLOM	1	U	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIRECT GENERAL CORP [DRCT]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/09/2005	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director10% Owner OfficerX Other (give title below) (specify below) Officer of DGC Subsidiaries			<ul> <li>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</li> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul>	
1281 MURFR	(Street)							
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	/		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	•	
Common Stoc	k		476		D	Â		
Reminder: Report owned directly or	indirectly. Person informa require	s who resp ation conta d to respo	ch class of securities benefic bond to the collection of ined in this form are not nd unless the form displ //B control number.	: 5	EC 1473 (7-02	)		
Tab	ole II - Deri	vative Secur	ities Beneficially Owned (e	.g., puts, calls.	warrants, onf	ions, c	onvertible securities)	

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisab	2. Date Exercisable and		3. Title and Amount of		5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	ration Date		Securities Underlying		Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	08/11/2004(1)	08/11/2013	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 21	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
COLLOM KENNETH A 1281 MURFREESBORO ROAD NASHVILLE, TN 37217	Â	Â	Â	Officer of DGC Subsidiaries		
Signatures						

/s/ Collom, Kenneth A.	02/14/2005			
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			

# **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The options vest in five equal annual installments beginning August 11, 2004.

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