

COGENT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 SCHLEIFER MARK A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COGENT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP INC [CCOI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1015 31ST ST., NW  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/20/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP of IP Engineering

WASHINGTON, DC 20007

(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  
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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		
common stock	03/20/2006		X	A	4,000 (1) (2)	\$ 0	8,480 (3) D
common stock	03/20/2006		S(2)	D	5,400 (2)	\$ 9.112	3,080 (3) D

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
Option to purchase common stock	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/20/2006		X	4,000	06/01/2005 09/08/2014	common stock	4,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHLEIFER MARK A 1015 31ST ST., NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007			VP of IP Engineering	

## Signatures

Mark Schleifer                      03/21/2006  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) On March 20, 2006 Mr. Schleifer exercised options to acquire 4,000 shares of common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$1.04, or \$0.00026 per share.
- (2) The exercise and the sale transactions reflected in this report were made pursuant to Mr. Schleifer's structured sale plan (10b5-1 plan) adopted on December 13, 2005.
- (3) A portion of these securities is subject to forfeiture under certain circumstances.

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