

DIRECT GENERAL CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 Address of Reporting Person \*  
Hagely John Todd

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1281 MURFREESBORO ROAD  
(Street)

NASHVILLE, TN 37217

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

DIRECT GENERAL CORP [DRCT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/30/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. VP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	03/30/2007		D		9,294	D	
					\$ 21.25		
					0		
					(1)		

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)**

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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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	03/30/2007		D	30,000	<u>(2)</u>	08/11/2013	Common Stock	30,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.05	03/30/2007		D	20,000	<u>(3)</u>	08/15/2015	Common Stock	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hagely John Todd 1281 MURFREESBORO ROAD NASHVILLE, TN 37217			Sr. VP and CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ John Todd  
Hagely  
03/30/2007  
Date

\*\*Signature of 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) Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among Elara Holdings, Inc., Elara Merger Corporation, and Issuer (the "Merger Agreement"), each share of common stock was cancelled and converted into the right to receive a cash payment of \$21.25 per share.
- (2) Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, this option, which provided for vesting in five equal annual installments beginning on August 11, 2004, was cancelled and converted into an option to purchase 637 shares of common stock of Elara Holdings, Inc. for \$988.24 per share on the same terms as the cancelled option.
- (3) Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, this option, which provided for vesting in five equal annual installments beginning on August 15, 2005, was cancelled and converted into an option to purchase 425 shares of common stock of Elara Holdings, Inc. for \$849.42 per share on the same terms as the cancelled option.

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