

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)  
 03/20/2008

\_\_\_\_ 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  
 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) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |                                   |
| common stock                    | 03/20/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | M                              | 600 A \$ 0  | 50,600 <sup>(2)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| common stock                    | 03/20/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | S                              | 600 D \$ 18.64  | 50,000 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 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. P... Deri... Secu... (Ins... |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                           | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option to purchase common stock            | \$ 0   | 03/20/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | M                              | 600   | 06/01/2005 09/08/2014                                    | common stock  | 600                             |                            |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Mark Schleifer                      03/20/2008  
 \_\_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) This is an exercise and sale of options to acquire 600 shares of common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$0.16, or \$0.00026 per share, made pursuant to Mr. Schleifer's structured sale plan (10b5-1 plan).
- (2) A portion of these securities is not vested.

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