

DIRECT GENERAL CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HARTER WILLIAM J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**DIRECT GENERAL CORP [DRCT]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

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

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Sr. Vice President**

**NASHVILLE, TN 37217**  
  
(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	03/30/2007		D		64,250	D	\$ 21.25
							<u>(1)</u>

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	18,000	<u>(2)</u>	08/11/2013	Common Stock	18,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.71	03/30/2007		D	24,000	<u>(3)</u>	04/01/2011	Common Stock	24,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTER WILLIAM J 1281 MURFREESBORO ROAD NASHVILLE, TN 37217			Sr. Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ William J.  
Harter 03/30/2007  
 \*\*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).  
 Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among Elara Holdings, Inc., Elara Merger Corporation, and Issuer (the (1) "Merger Agreement"), each share of common stock was cancelled and converted into the right to receive a cash payment of \$21.25 per share.  
 Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, this option, which provided for vesting in five equal annual installments beginning on (2) August 11, 2004, was cancelled and converted into an option to purchase 382 shares of common stock of Elara Holdings, Inc. for \$988.24 per share on the same terms as the cancelled option.  
 Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, this option, which vested in five equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2001, was cancelled and converted into the right to receive a cash payment of \$21.25 less the exercise price per share. (3)

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