#### DIRECT GENERAL CORP

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## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Common

Stock

03/30/2007

(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 |          |  |  |   |
|--|---|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|--|--|----------|--|--|---|
| (Last)   | (First) (I                              | Middle)                        | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction  |                                 |  | (Check all applicable)   |  |          |  |  |   |
|  |   | (Month/Day/Year)               |  |                                 |  | Director   |  | Owner    |  |  |   |
| 1281 MURFREESBORO ROAD                                     |   | 03/30/2007                     |  |                                 | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. Vice President |  |  |          |  |  |   |
| (Street)   |   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original |  |                                 |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |  |          |  |  |   |
| NASHVILLE, TN 37217  |   | Filed(Month/Day/Year)          |  |                                 |  | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |          |  |  |   |
| (City)   | (State)                                 | (Zip)                          | Tabl   | le I - No                       | n-D  | erivative S  | Securit  | ties Acq | uired, Disposed of   | f, or Beneficial   | ly Owned  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                       | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Executio any                   | med<br>n Date, if<br>Day/Year)   | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code<br>(Instr. | ctio   | 4. Securiti<br>(A) or Dis<br>(Instr. 3, 4)   | posed  | of (D)   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V  | (A) (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 21   | 03/30/2007                           |   | D   | 18,000  | (2)  | 08/11/2013         | Common<br>Stock   | 18,000                              |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 2.71   | 03/30/2007                           |   | D   | 24,000  | (3)  | 04/01/2011         | Common<br>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 Person

\*\*Bignature of 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).
- 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.
- (3) 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.

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