

NEW COMMERCE BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
February 15, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) February 15, 2005

New Commerce BanCorp

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

South Carolina

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-26061

(Commission File Number)

58-2403844

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

501 New Commerce Court, Greenville, South

Carolina

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

29607

(Zip Code)

(864) 297-6333

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

New Commerce BanCorp is hereby furnishing the unaudited consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 and unaudited consolidated income statements for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 that were mailed to its shareholders on or about February 15, 2005 along with the proxy statement seeking approval for the Agreement and Plan of Merger Agreement between New Commerce and SCBT Financial Corporation. The financial statements are filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 of Item 9.01 is being furnished, not filed. Accordingly, the information in this Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 of Item 9.01 will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by New Commerce BanCorp under the Securities Act of 1933 unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits: The following exhibits are filed as a part of this report:

Exhibit No.   Exhibit

99.1            Unaudited consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 and unaudited consolidated income statements for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NEW COMMERCE BANCORP

By:     /s/ Frank W. Wingate  
Name:   Frank W. Wingate  
Title:   Chief Executive Officer

Dated: February 11, 2005

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