FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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| 1. Name and A | Address of Report | ing Person [*] | 2. Date of Even Requiring State (Month/Day/Yea 07/29/2004 | ement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SLM CORP [SLM] | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| (Last) | (First) LIE MAE DRI | (Middle) | _ 0,723,200 | | Relationship of Reporting Pers (Check all applicable) Director | on(s) to Issue | (Mo | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| | V L | _ | | X Officer (give title below) | Other (spe | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | Executive Vice P | , | 1 ''' | X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| RESTON | ON VA 20193 | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownersh Form: Direct or Indirect ((Instr. 5) | t (D) (Instr | ture of Indirect Beneficial Ownership . 5) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 86,369 | D | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 100 | I | By S | on | | |
| | | | | | e Securities Beneficially ants, options, convertible | | 5) | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | | 2. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/ | ate | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | n Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | | | 08/01/2002 | 11/21/2007 | 7 Common Stock | 3 | 26.6166 | D | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | | | (1) | 01/24/2012 | 2 Common Stock | 225,985 | 28.6666 | D | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | | | 05/22/2003 | 05/10/2013 | 1 Common Stock | 18,480 | 32.8733 | D | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | | | (2) | 01/28/2013 | 3 Common Stock | 60,000 | 35.2 | D | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | | | 02/18/2004 | 01/24/2012 | 2 Common Stock | 28,656 | 35.6666 | D | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | | | (3) | 07/29/2014 | 4 Common Stock | 20,000 | 37.31 | D | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | | | (4) | 01/29/2014 | 4 Common Stock | 20,000 | 37.87 | D | | |
| Phantom Stock Units | | | (6) | (6) | Common Stock | 3,638,42 | 0(5) | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$34.40, for five trading days, they also become exercisable on the eighth anniversary of the grant (January 24, 2010), but no sooner than one year from the grant date.
- 2. These options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$42.24, for five trading days, they also become exercisable on the eight anniversary of the grant (January 28, 2011), but no sooner than one year from the grant date.
- 3. These options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$44.77, for five trading days, they also become exercisable on the eight anniversary of the grant (July 29, 2012), but no sooner than one year from the grant date.
- 4. These options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$45.44, for five trading days, they also become exercisable on the eight anniversary of the grant (January 29, 2012), but no sooner than one year from the grant date.
- 5. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security is 1 to 1.
- 6. Phantom Stock Units accrued under the Supplemental 401k Plan are to be settled in cash and/or the Company's common stock upon the reporting person's retirement from the company.

08/03/2004 Kevin F. Moehn

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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