FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PORTER A ALEXANDER JR						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SLM CORP [SLM]							of Reporting cable) or	g Perso	n(s) to Issu 10% Ow	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 12061 BLUEMONT WAY					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2006							Officer below)	(give title		Other (specification)	pecify
,		20190 (Zip)	4	Line)							e) X Form f Form f					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
Date				. Transactio ate Month/Day/	Execution Date			Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	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/Ye	Code (Inst				6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/\	ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly C	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$55.82	01/26/2006		A		11,920		(1)	01/26/2016	Common Stock	11,920	\$0	11,920)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. These options become exercisable upon (1) the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$66.98 for five trading days or (2) the Director's election to the SLM Corporation Board at the 2006 annual shareholding meeting, whichever is later. These options also become exercisable on the fifth anniversary of the grant (January 26, 2011).

Remarks:

By: Mary F. Eure (POA)

01/26/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person

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 4 (b)(v).
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