

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Thome Paul F</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SLM CORP [ SLM ]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP &amp; Chief Admin Officer</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/27/2017</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<u>300 CONTINENTAL DRIVE</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <u>NEWARK DE 19713</u>								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

**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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/27/2017		A		30,534 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	204,308	D	
Common Stock	01/27/2017		A		12,531 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$0	216,839	D	
Common Stock	01/27/2017		F		294 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$11.79	216,545	D	
Common Stock								40,844.207 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	401(k) Savings Plan
Common Stock								23,847.021 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	Supplemental 401(k) Savings Plan

**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/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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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					

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. A long-term incentive award of restricted stock units ("RSUs") under the SLM Corporation 2012 Omnibus Incentive Plan, which is classified as "Common Stock," as permitted, since the RSUs will be settled solely by delivery of shares of SLM Corporation (the "Company") common stock. Subject to continuing employment, these RSUs vest in one-third increments on January 27, 2018, 2019 and 2020.
2. A portion of Mr. Thome's 2016 Management Incentive Plan Award was granted in the form of RSUs that carry transfer restrictions that lapse in one-third increments on January 27, 2018, 2019 and 2020, regardless of continued employment.
3. Represents shares of the Company common stock required to be withheld to satisfy Mr. Thome's tax withholding obligations upon the grant of RSUs.
4. Represents the number of units held in a unitized stock fund in the Sallie Mae 401(k) Savings Plan and the Sallie Mae Supplemental 401(k) Savings Plan as of January 23, 2017.

/s/ Nicolas Jafarieh (POA) for Paul F. Thome 01/31/2017

\*\* 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 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).

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