Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     SUITT GILLELAND DIANE					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SLM CORP [ SLM ]								heck all					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 12061 BLUEMONT WAY				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2005									Officer elow)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
(Street) RESTON (City)			20190 (Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							ne) <mark>X</mark> F F	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tab	le I - Non-	Derivati	ive Se	ecurities	s Ac	quired, I	Dis	posed o	f, or Be	neficia	lly Ov	ned				
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	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)	vative Conversion Date Execution Date, urity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Cod	ransaction of ode (Instr. Derivative		ive ies ed ed nstr.	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Deriv	ative rity	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)	
				Cod	e V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares						
Stock Option (Right To	\$50.75	01/27/2005		A		15,250		(1)	0	01/27/2015	Common Stock	15,25	\$	0	15,250	0	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 \$60.90 for five trading days or (2) the Director's election to the SLM Corporation Board at the 2005 annual shareholder meeting, whichever is later. These options also become exercisable on the fifth anniversary of the grant (January 27, 2010).

By: Mary F. Eure (POA)

01/27/2005

\*\* 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).
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