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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]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
TORTER A ALEXANDER JR													X Direct	or		10% Ov	vner	
(Last) (First) (Middle)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2004								Office below	r (give title)		Other (s below)	pecify	
12061 BLUEMONT WAY																		
,					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street)											Lin	X Form filed by One Reporting Person						
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													Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				rting	
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)															
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of S	Security (Inst	tr. 3)	2	2. Transactio	n i	2A. Deem	ed	3.			ities Acquir		5. Amou	6. Owner	rship	7. Nature		
Dat				Date Month/Day/\		Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea		Code (Instr.		Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		str. 3, 4 an	d Securiti Benefic			or Indirect nstr. 4)	of Indirect Beneficial	
													Owned	Following	(I) (Instr.		Ownership (Instr. 4)	
								Code	v	Amount	(A) o (D)	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			insir. 4)	
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Da		action			6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date			7. Title and Amount of		8. Price of Derivative	9. Number derivative	Ow	10. Ownership		
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative		if any (Month/Day/\		(Instr.			(Month/Day/Year)			Securities Underlying Derivative Securit		Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned	/ Dir	Direct (D)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
	Security							(Instr. 3 and 4)				nd 4)		Following Reported	(1)		<u> </u>	
														Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	1(s)			
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												Amount or						
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				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Exercisable		ate	Title	Shares						
Phantom Stock Units	\$0.0000 ⁽¹⁾	12/17/2004		A		10.91		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	10.91	\$53.32	3,072.63	7	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security is 1 to 1.
- 2. Phantom Stock Units accrued under the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan are to be settled in the Company's common stock upon the reporting person's separation from service.

Remarks:

By: Mary F. Eure (POA) 12/20/2004

** 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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