FORM 4

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

| <b>STATEMENT</b> | OF CHANGES | IN BENEFICIAL | <b>OWNERSHIP</b> |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*   |  |  |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SLM CORP [ SLM ] |           |  |        |  |  |                  |  | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner |                                    |   |   |                       |  |                                       |
|--|--|--|---|--|-----------|--|--------|--|--|------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 12061 BLUEMONT WAY   |  |  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2005  |           |  |        |  |  |                  |  | X   | Officer (<br>below)                | give title  | EO  | Other (specify below) |  |                                       |
| (Street) RESTON (City)   |  | A tate)                                    | 20190<br>(Zip)  |  | I. If Amo | endment, I   | Date o | f Original F   | led (  | Month/Da         | y/Year)  |   | 3. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X             | Form file   | ed by One   | Repo                  | (Check App<br>rting Persor<br>One Repor                                  | 1                                     |
|  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |   |  |           |  |        |  |  |                  |  |   |                                    |   |   |                       |  |                                       |
| Date   |  |  | 2. Transact<br>Date<br>(Month/Day                         | Execution Date,  |           | Code (Instr.   |        | red (A) or<br>str. 3, 4 ar                                   | or 5. Amoun<br>Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned Fo |                  | s For<br>Illy (D)<br>ollowing (I) (  |   | Direct<br>Indirect<br>str. 4)      | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |                       |  |                                       |
|  |  |  |   |  |           |  | Code   | v  | Amount   | unt (A) or Pi    |  | e   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   |   |                       | (111341. 4)  |                                       |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |   |  |           |  |        |  |  |                  |  |   |                                    |   |   |                       |  |                                       |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security            | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Yea | Code (Instr.   |           | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed<br>of (D) (Instr.<br>3, 4 and 5) |        | 6. Date Exercisable a<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  |                  | 7. Title and Amo<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | D<br>S                             | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)               | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | e<br>S<br>Illy        | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |  |  |   | Code   | v         | (A)  | (D)    |  |  | xpiration<br>ate | Title  | Amoun<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shar  | r                                  |   | Transaction(s<br>(Instr. 4)   |                       |  |                                       |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)   | \$48.84  | 05/19/2005                                 |   | A  |           | 300,000  |        | (1)  | 05   | 5/19/2015        | Common<br>Stock  | 300,00  | 00                                 | \$0   | 300,00  | 00                    | D  |                                       |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. These options become exercisable upon the later of the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$58.61 for five trading days or one year from the grant date. These options also become exercisable on the fifth anniversary of the grant (May 19, 2010).

## Remarks:

By: Mary F. Eure (POA) 05/19/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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