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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| L. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] FITZPATRICK THOMAS J (Last) (First) (Middle) 11600 SALLIE MAE DRIVE | | <u> </u> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SLM CORP</u> [SLM] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2003 | | tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) President & C | 10% Owner Other (specify below) |
|--|---------------|----------------------|---|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| (Street) RESTON (City) | VA (State) | 20193 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) X | idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More thar Person | orting Person |
| | - | Table I - Non-Deriva | tive Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefi | cially | Owned | |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|---|------------|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | ount (A) or (D) Price Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Transaction(s) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Phantom Stock Units | 12/19/2003 | 12/19/2003 | Α | | 1,718.25 | Α | \$36.82 | 355,870.64 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | 12/19/2003 | 12/19/2003 | A | | 1,406.17 | Α | \$36.82 | 305,967.89 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | 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 | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes units acquired under the Officer Deferred Compensation Plan. Units are settled in the Company's common stock.

2. These Restricted Stock Units vest December 31, 2006 and are converted in to common stock on January 1st of the year following Mr. Fitzpatrick's retirement or termination of employment. Units are settled in the Company's common stock.



Date

12/22/2003

** 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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