

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Thome Paul F</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>300 CONTINENTAL DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>NEWARK DE 19713</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	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 & Chief Admin Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/10/2017</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		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

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	02/10/2017		F		4,109 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$12.43	217,834	D	
Common Stock	02/10/2017		F		1,473 ⁽²⁾	D	\$12.43	216,361	D	
Common Stock								40,844.207 ⁽³⁾	I	401(k) Savings Plan
Common Stock								23,847.021 ⁽³⁾	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)		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)					

Explanation of Responses:

- On February 10, 2015, Mr. Thome was granted 38,095 restricted stock units ("RSUs") representing rights to receive shares of common stock of SLM Corporation (the "Company"), subject to continued employment, to vest in one-third increments on February 10, 2016, 2017 and 2018. On February 10, 2017, 12,699 shares vested in connection with these RSUs, of which 4,109 shares were withheld by the Company to satisfy Mr. Thome's tax withholding obligations.
- On February 10, 2015, a portion of Mr. Thome's 2014 Management Incentive Plan Award was granted in the form of RSUs that carry transfer restrictions that lapse in one-third increments on February 10, 2016, 2017 and 2018, regardless of continued employment. On February 10, 2017, the restrictions lapsed on 4,909 RSUs, and 1,473 shares of the Company common stock were withheld to satisfy Mr. Thome's tax obligations in connection with the lapsing of such restrictions.
- 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 02/14/2017

** 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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