

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HELEEN MARK L</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>12061 BLUEMONT WAY</u>  (Street) <u>RESTON VA 20190</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>Sr. Vice Pres &amp; General Counsel</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/29/2009</u>	
		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	01/29/2009		A		5,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	11,010	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2009		F		645	D	\$11.45	10,365	D	
Common Stock								846.664	I	By 401(k)

**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)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11.21	01/29/2009		A		50,000		(2)	01/29/2019	Common Stock	50,000	\$0	50,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- These shares of Restricted Stock vest upon the later of the achievement of specific performance targets and a specified date.
- One-third of these options vest upon the later of the first anniversary of the grant date (January 29, 2010) and the extent to which core earnings net income is achieved. One-third of these options vest upon the later of the second anniversary of the grant date (January 29, 2011) and the extent to which core earnings net income is achieved. One-third of these options vest upon the later of the third anniversary of the grant date (January 29, 2012) and the extent to which core earnings net income is achieved. To the extent of vesting of each one-third of the options, any remaining unvested options of the one-third eligible for vesting in that year will be forfeited and cancelled.

**Remarks:**

By: Mary F. Eure (POA)

02/02/2009

\*\* 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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