FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  PORTER A ALEXANDER JR					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SLM CORP [ SLM ]									ck all applic	able)	Reporting Person(s) to Issuer le) 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 12061 BLUEMONT WAY					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/17/2004									Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify		
(Street) RESTON VA 20190  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable b)  X 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. Transac Date (Month/Da					ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, Code (Instr. 5)				A) or	5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	nt of es ally following	Form (D) or	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or 1	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ction(s)			(111501. 4)	
	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/Yea	Co	Transactio Code (Inst				6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			and 7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)		curity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership tt (Instr. 4)	
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Phantom Stock Units	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/17/2004		A	A		13.707		(2)		(2)	Common	13	3.707	\$42.25	3,061.72	27	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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

Mary F. Eure (POA) 09/21/2004

\*\* 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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