

FIRST CHARTER CORP /NC/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JAMES CHARLES A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST CHARTER CORP /NC/ [FCTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

10200 DAVID TAYLOR DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 28262-2373

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					148,594.897	D	
Common Stock					9,600	I	Join with Son
Common Stock					9,600	I	Joint with Daughter

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.75					(1) 01/17/2011	Common Stock	360
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.37					(2) 01/16/2012	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 18.81					(3) 01/22/2013	Common Stock	3,334
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 20.02					(4) 01/21/2014	Common Stock	1,800
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.66	01/19/2005		A	2,500	(4) 01/19/2015	Common Stock	2,500 \$

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JAMES CHARLES A 10200 DAVID TAYLOR DRIVE CHARLOTTE, NC 28262-2373		X		

## Signatures

Jan H. Hollar

01/21/2005

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (4) Options are exercisable in 5 yearly installments beginning one year after grant date.
- (2) 1,500 options currently exercisable. The remaining 1,000 options are exercisable in equal installments on 01/16/2005 and 01/16/2006
- (1) 1,440 options are currently exercisable. Remaining 360 options exercisable on 01/17/2005
- (3) 1,666 options are currently exercisable. The remaining 3,334 options are exercisable in equal installments on 01/22/2005 and 01/22/2006

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