

DEPAULO JOSEPH A  
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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DEPAULO JOSEPH A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

300 CONTINENTAL DRIVE

(Street)

NEWARK, DE 19713

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SLM CORP [SLM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/27/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/27/2012		F	8,072	D \$ 15.13	113,839 <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2) (3)</u>	D
Common Stock	01/28/2012		F	2,480	D \$ 15.13	111,359 <sup>(4)</sup>	D
Common Stock						1,740	I By Custodian For Children

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEPAULO JOSEPH A 300 CONTINENTAL DRIVE NEWARK, DE 19713			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Carol R. Rakatansky (POA) for Joseph A. DePaulo  
01/31/2012

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).

As previously reported, on January 27, 2011, Joseph A. DePaulo was granted 50,000 restricted stock units (RSUs) and 19,083 bonus RSUs representing rights to receive shares of the Company's common stock in the future, which grant was approved by the Compensation and Personnel Committee (the "Compensation Committee") of the Board of Directors of SLM Corporation (the "Company"). One-third of (1) these RSUs and bonus RSUs vest on first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. On January 27, 2012, 16,667 RSUs and 6,361 bonus RSUs vested and 487 additional shares were issued to Mr. DePaulo upon the vesting of the related dividend equivalent rights, of which 8,072 shares were withheld by the Company (as approved by the Compensation Committee) to satisfy Mr. DePaulo's tax withholding obligations.

(2) Awards granted to Mr. DePaulo on January 27, 2011, were originally reported as Restricted Stock Units. As permitted, we have reclassified them as "Common Stock" because these RSU awards will be settled solely by delivery of shares in the Company's common stock.

(3) Dividend equivalent rights issued on unvested restricted stock and RSUs are included in Mr. DePaulo's common stock holding balance.

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As previously reported, on January 28, 2010, Mr. DePaulo was granted 20,000 restricted shares of the Company's common stock, which grant was approved by the Compensation Committee. One-third of these restricted shares vest on first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. On January 28, 2012, 6,666 shares of such restricted stock vested and 140 additional shares were issued to Mr. DePaulo upon the vesting of the related dividend equivalent rights, of which 2,480 shares were withheld by the Company (as approved by the Compensation Committee) to satisfy Mr. DePaulo's tax withholding obligations.

### **Remarks:**

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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