POPULAR INC Form 5

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See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b).

Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4

Transactions

Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer REXACH FRANCISCO M JR Symbol POPULAR INC [BPOP] (Check all applicable) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) (Middle) (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title 12/31/2004 Other (specify below) below) POBOX 362708 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line)

SAN JUAN, PRÂ 00936-2708

X Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 4. Securities Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Acquired (A) or Securities (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned at end Indirect (I) Ownership of Issuer's (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (A) Fiscal Year or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common Stock Par J(1)Â 12/31/2004 12/31/2004 3,947 \$0 212,932 D A Value \$6 per share

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction Code	5. Number of	6. Date Exerc Expiration Do (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title Amou	nt of	8. Price of Derivative Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	e	- 3,	Securi	, ,	(Instr. 5)	
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
REXACH FRANCISCO M JR P O BOX 362708 SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			

Signatures

Francisco M.
Rexach Jr

**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).
- (1) Acquired under Popular Inc.'s Dividend Reinvestment Plan in exempt transactions pursuant Rule 16(a)-11 during calendar year 2004. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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