

CULLEN FROST BANKERS INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
Perotti William L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CULLEN FROST BANKERS INC [CFR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
100 WEST HOUSTON STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/21/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Group Executive Vice President

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value | 10/21/2008 | | A | 4,000 A \$ 0 | 63,895 | D | |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value | | | | | 24,573 | D | |

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) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | | V | (A) | (D) | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 52.44 | 10/21/2008 | | A | | 13,000 | (1) 10/21/2018 | Common Stock | Amount or Number of Shares 13,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Perotti William L 100 WEST HOUSTON STREET SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205 | | | Group Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/ William L.
Perotti
10/23/2008

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) Vest 25% per year from Grant Date of 10-21-2008.

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