

JUNQUERA JORGE A
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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 *
JUNQUERA JORGE A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
POPULAR INC [BPOP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
PO BOX 362708

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/19/2005

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

(Street)

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

SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708

(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 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) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share | 12/19/2005 | 12/19/2005 | X ⁽¹⁾ | 9,011 A | \$ 21 253,557 | D | |
| Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share | 12/19/2005 | 12/19/2005 | X ⁽¹⁾ | 804 A | \$ 21 21,065 | I | By son and daughter |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy) | \$ 21 | 12/19/2005 | 12/19/2005 | A ⁽²⁾ | 9,011 ⁽³⁾ | 12/19/2005 12/19/2005 | Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share |
| Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy) | \$ 21 | 12/19/2005 | 12/19/2005 | X ⁽¹⁾ | 9,011 ⁽⁴⁾ | 12/19/2005 12/19/2005 | Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share |
| Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy) | \$ 21 | 12/19/2005 | 12/19/2005 | A ⁽²⁾ | 804 ⁽⁴⁾ | 12/19/2005 12/19/2005 | Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JUNQUERA JORGE A PO BOX 362708 SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708 | X | | Sr EVP | |

Signatures

Jorge A.
Junquera

12/21/2005

__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).
- (1) Exercise of Common Stock Subscription Rights.
 - (2) Represents the acquisition of subscription rights pursuant to a pro rata grant to shareholders of Popular, Inc.
 - (3) Includes rights to acquire additional shares in excess of the reporting person's basic subscription rights pursuant to an oversub scription right.
 - (4) Represents rights to acquire shares pursuant to the report person's basic subscriptions rights.

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