

Perotti William L
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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)
 10/22/2012

____ 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)

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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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	10/22/2012		F	1,058 D \$ 54.8	71,863	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	10/23/2012		A	3,140 A \$ 0 (1)	75,003	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value					30,651	I	Through 401(k) Plan

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 54.56	10/23/2012		A	10,490	(2)	10/23/2022	Common Stock	10,490

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

10/24/2012

**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).

(1) Restricted stock award with four year restriction period.

(2) Vest 25% per year for four years from grant date.

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