POPULAR INC Form 4 August 01, 2005

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SALERNO FREDERIC V Issuer Symbol POPULAR INC [BPOP] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify P.O. BOX 362708 07/29/2005 below)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

per share

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Person

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common Stock Par J(1)07/29/2005 08/01/2005 179 Α \$0 7.625 D Value \$6

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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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			7. Title a Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 a	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
rg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SALERNO FREDERIC V P.O. BOX 362708 SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708	X						

Signatures

Frederic V.
Salerno

**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) Award of Restricted Stock pursuant to Popular, Inc.'s 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The restriction of such restricted stock awar d lapses upon the retirement of the director.

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