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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â Merk Randall W  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE CHARLES SCHWAB CORPORATION,Â 120 KEARNY STREET

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO,Â CAÂ 94108

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 01/26/2006

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SCHWAB CHARLES CORP [SCHW]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 EVP - Financial Products

5. 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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 13,202  | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock                    | 121,595   | I  | by Trust  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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|   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|---|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)     | 09/25/2003       | 09/25/2012      | Common Stock        | 12,500                     | \$ 9                         | D  | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 09/25/2003       | 09/25/2012      | Common Stock        | 12,500                     | \$ 9                         | D  | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 12/15/2004       | 09/30/2011      | Common Stock        | 87,592                     | \$ 9.19                      | D  | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 09/07/2005       | 09/07/2012      | Common Stock        | 150,000                    | \$ 15.2992                   | D  | Â          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 09/07/2005       | 09/07/2012      | Common Stock        | 150,000                    | \$ 17.075                    | D  | Â          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| Merk Randall W<br>C/O THE CHARLES SCHWAB CORPORATION<br>120 KEARNY STREET<br>SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94108 | Â             | Â         | Â EVP - Financial Products | Â     |

## Signatures

Randall W. Merk  
01/30/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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