

BERMUDEZ JUAN J
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 *
BERMUDEZ JUAN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
PO BOX 362708
(Street)
SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Par Value \$6 per share | 12/19/2005 | 12/19/2005 | X ⁽¹⁾ | | 47,425 | A | \$ 21 | 1,251,479 | D | |
| Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share | 12/19/2005 | 12/19/2005 | X ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,223 | A | \$ 21 | 33,017 | I | By wife |

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | |
| Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy) | \$ 21 | 12/19/2005 | 12/19/2005 | A ⁽²⁾ | | 47,425 ⁽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⁾ | | 47,425 | 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⁾ | | 1,223 ⁽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⁾ | | 1,223 | 12/19/2005 | 12/19/2005 | Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BERMUDEZ JUAN J PO BOX 362708 SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708 | X | | | |

Signatures

Juan J.
Bermudez

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) Represents rights to acquire shares pursuant to the report person's basic subscriptions rights.

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