

Lutz Laurent Charles
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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 *
 Lutz Laurent Charles

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SLM CORP [SLM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 300 CONTINENTAL DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/05/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & General Counsel

NEWARK, DE 19713
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/05/2012		F	(A) or (D) V 11,726 (1)	\$ 13.69	D	
					90,401 (1) (2)	D	

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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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lutz Laurent Charles 300 CONTINENTAL DRIVE NEWARK, DE 19713			EVP & General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ Carol R. Rakatansky (POA) /s/ Laurent C Lutz	01/09/2012
<u> </u> **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) As previously reported, on January 5, 2011, Laurent C. Lutz was granted 100,000 restricted shares of the Company's common stock, which grant was approved by the Compensation and Personnel Committee (the "Compensation Committee") of the Board of Directors of SLM Corporation (the "Company"). One-third of these restricted shares vest on first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. On January 5, 2012, 33,334 shares of such restricted stock vested and 707 additional shares were issued to Mr. Lutz upon the vesting of the related dividend equivalent rights, of which 11,489 shares and 237 shares, respectively, were withheld by the Company (as approved by the Compensation Committee) to satisfy Mr. Lutz's tax withholding obligations.
- (2) Includes 1,420 shares of the Company's common stock accrued, but which have not vested, pursuant to dividend equivalent rights as of January 5, 2012.

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