

DE ALVAREZ BRUNILDA SANTOS  
 Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

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

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**ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 DE ALVAREZ BRUNILDA SANTOS  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

PO BOX 362708  
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & Chief Legal Officer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)

SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) | (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share | 12/31/2009                           | 12/31/2009   | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | 276   | A          | \$ 0  | 68,492   | D  | ∆                                 |
| Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share | 12/31/2009                           | 12/31/2009   | J <sup>(2)</sup>               | 551   | A          | \$ 0  | 69,043   | D  | ∆                                 |

