JUNQUERA JORGE A

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading JUNQUERA JORGE A Issuer Symbol POPULAR INC [BPOP] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify PO BOX 362708 12/22/2005 below) below) Sr EVP (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708 Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly 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 onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	12/22/2005	12/22/2005	X(1)	9,011	A	\$ 21	262,568	D	
Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	12/22/2005	12/22/2005	X <u>(1)</u>	804	A	\$ 21	21,869	I	By son and daughter

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Numb orDerivati Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 5)	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of Sha
Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	12/22/2005	12/22/2005	A(2)	9,011 (3)		12/22/2005	12/19/2005	Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	9,
Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	12/22/2005	12/22/2005	X(1)		9,011 (3)	12/22/2005	12/19/2005	Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	9,
Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	12/22/2005	12/22/2005	A ⁽²⁾	804		12/22/2005	12/19/2005	Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	8
Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	12/22/2005	12/22/2005	X <u>(1)</u>		804 (<u>3)</u>	12/22/2005	12/19/2005	Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Transfer de la companya de la compan	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
JUNQUERA JORGE A							
PO BOX 362708	X		Sr EVP				
SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708							

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Jorge A. Junquera 12/27/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * 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 additional shares in excess of the reporting person's basic subscription rights pursuant to an overs ubscription right.

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