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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement SLM CORP [SLM] HELEEN MARK L (Month/Day/Year) 12/02/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 12061 BLUEMONT WAY (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) RESTON, VAÂ 20190 Form filed by More than One Sr. Vice Pres & General Cousel Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock D Â 6,348 Common Stock 847.8335 I By 401(k) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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

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3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/25/2003	09/25/2011	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 26.6466	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/08/2004	01/28/2013	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 35.2	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/29/2005	01/29/2014	Common Stock	6,500	\$ 37.87	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	01/27/2015	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 50.75	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	07/28/2015	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 51.6	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	01/26/2016	Common Stock	6,500	\$ 55.82	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/25/2008	01/25/2017	Common Stock	6,500	\$ 45.41	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	01/31/2018	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 21.5	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
HELEEN MARK L 12061 BLUEMONT WAY RESTON, VA 20190	Â	Â	Sr. Vice Pres & General Cousel	Â	

Signatures

By: Mary F. Eure (POA)

**Signature of Reporting Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- These options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of (1) \$60.90, for five trading days, they also become exercisable on the eighth anniversary of the grant (January 27, 2013), but no sooner than one year from the grant date.
- These options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of (2) \$61.92, for five trading days, they also become exercisable on the eighth anniversary of the grant (July 28, 2013), but no sooner than one year from the grant date.
- (3) These options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$66.98, for five trading days, they also become exercisable on the eighth anniversary of the grant (January 26, 2014), but no sooner than

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one year from the grant date.

Fifty percent of these options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock

Exchange of \$25.80, for five trading days, but no sooner than January 31, 2009; 50 percent of these options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$30.10, for five trading days, but no sooner than January 31, 2010; they also become exercisable on the eight anniversary of the grant (January 31, 2016).



Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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