

Vizcarrondo Jose R  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Vizcarrondo Jose R

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

P O BOX 9417

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN JUAN, PR 00908-0417

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Par Value \$6 per share	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	X <sup>(1)</sup>	7,782 A	\$ 21 66,019	D	
Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share					299,163	I	DMI Pension Trust <sup>(2)</sup>

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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	A <sup>(3)</sup>		7,782 <sup>(4)</sup>		12/19/2005	12/19/2005	Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	7,782
Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	X <sup>(1)</sup>		7,782 <sup>(4)</sup>		12/19/2005	12/19/2005	Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	7,782

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Vizcarrondo Jose R P O BOX 9417 SAN JUAN, PR 00908-0417		X		

## Signatures

Jose R  
Vizcarrondo  
12/20/2005

\_\_\_\_\_  
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) Shared Voting power. Mr. Vizcarrondo disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (3) Represents the acquisition of subscription rights pursuant to a pro rata grant to shareholders of Popular, Inc.

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- (4) Includes rights to acquire additional shares in excess of the reporting person's basic subscription rights pursuant to an oversub scription right.

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