

Thome Paul F
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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 *
 Thome Paul F

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

NEWARK, DE 19713

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/26/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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	01/26/2018		M	(A) or (D) A	39,297 (1) \$ 6.4228	221,331	D
Common Stock	01/26/2018		F	(A) or (D) D	26,868 (2) \$ 11.63	194,463	D
Common Stock	01/26/2018		S	(A) or (D) D	12,429 (3) \$ 11.5	182,034	D
Common Stock				(A) or (D) I	40,846.836 (3)		I 401(k) Savings Plan
Common Stock				(A) or (D) I	23,847.021 (3)		I Supplemental 401(k) Savings Plan

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.4228	01/26/2018		M	39,297 <u>(1)</u>	02/07/2016 02/07/2018	Common Stock	39,297

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thome Paul F 300 CONTINENTAL DRIVE NEWARK, DE 19713			EVP & Chief Admin Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Nicolas Jafarieh (POA) for Paul F. Thome
 01/29/2018
 **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) Stock options exercised by the reporting person in advance of pending expiration of options.
- (2) Represents shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the exercise price of the options, and to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations upon the exercise of the options.
- (3) Represents the number of units held in a unitized stock fund in the Sallie Mae 401(k) Savings Plan and the Sallie Mae Supplemental 401(k) Savings Plan as of January 23, 2018.

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