

LAMBERT BENJAMIN J III  
 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 \*  
 LAMBERT BENJAMIN J III

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 12061 BLUEMONT WAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/26/2006

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

RESTON, VA 20190  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 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) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
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| Derivative Security         |          |            | or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |   |        | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|---|---|--------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                             |          |            | Code                                    | V | (A)    |                  |                 |              |                            |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 55.82 | 01/26/2006 | A                                       |   | 15,250 | (1)              | 01/26/2016      | Common Stock | 15,250                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LAMBERT BENJAMIN J III<br>12061 BLUEMONT WAY<br>RESTON, VA 20190 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

By: Mary F. Eure  
(POA) 01/26/2006

\*\*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).

These options become exercisable upon (1) the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of (1) \$66.98 for five trading days or (2) the Director's election to the SLM Corporation Board at the 2006 annual shareholding meeting, whichever is later. These options also become exercisable on the fifth anniversary of the grant (January 26, 2011).

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