#### FIRST CHARTER CORP /NC/

Form 5

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Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JAMES ROBERT E JR	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST CHARTER CORP /NC/ [FCTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)  10200 DAVID TAYLOR DRIVE	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004	Director 10% Owner Selow) Other (give title Other (specification) below)  President FCB			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  (check applicable line)			

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(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)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	11/11/2004	Â	G	200	D	\$ 27.13	10,716	D	Â	
Common Stock	01/15/2004	Â	<u>J(1)</u>	1.01	A	\$ 19.8222	109.2432	I	Daughter - Caroline	
Common Stock	04/15/2004	Â	J <u>(1)</u>	0.9811	A	\$ 20.6	110.2243	I	Daughter - Caroline	
Common Stock	07/15/2004	Â	J <u>(1)</u>	0.9166	A	\$ 22.2451	111.1409	I	Daughter - Caroline	

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Common Stock	10/18/2004	Â	J <u>(1)</u>	0.8318	A	\$ 25.391	111.9727	I	Daughter - Caroline
Common Stock	11/11/2004	Â	G	100	A	\$ 27.13	211.9727	I	Daughter - Caroline
Common Stock	01/15/2004	Â	<u>J(1)</u>	1.01	A	\$ 19.8222	109.2432	I	Son - Phillip
Common Stock	04/15/2004	Â	<u>J(1)</u>	0.9811	A	\$ 20.6	110.2243	I	Son - Phillip
Common Stock	07/15/2004	Â	<u>J(1)</u>	0.9166	A	\$ 22.2451	111.1409	I	Son - Phillip
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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 Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	01/20/2010	Common Stock	19,791
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.75	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	01/17/2011	Common Stock	23,296
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.37	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	01/16/2012	Common Stock	21,985

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Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 18.375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	01/29/2009	Common Stock	35,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 18.39	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	01/15/2013	Common Stock	21,597
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.66	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	01/19/2015	Common Stock	18,448

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address				
<b></b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JAMES ROBERT E JR 10200 DAVID TAYLOR DRIVE CHARLOTTE, NC 28262-2373	Â	Â	President FCB	Â

# **Signatures**

Jan H Hollar 02/11/2005

\*\*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) Shares aquired under the First Charter Corporation dividend reinvestment plan since the date of the reporting person's last report.
- (5) Options are exercisable in 5 yearly installments beginning one year after grant date.
- (3) 5,928 Incentive become exercisable as follows, 1,531 are currently exercisable and 4,397 become exercisable on 01/16/2006
  - 8,638 shares of 11,674 Non-Qualified are currently exercisable. The remaining shares become exercisable as follows, 3,036 shares
- (4) become exercisable on 01/15/2006. 9,923 Incentive shares become exercisable as follows: 1,284 shares become exercisable on 01/15/2006, 4,319 shares become exercisable on 01/15/2007, and 4,320 shares become exercisable on 01/15/2008.
- (2) All Options are currently exercisable

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