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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

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)
300 CONTINENTAL DRIVE

(Street)

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

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

NEWARK, DE 19713

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (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) 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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	01/26/2018		A		35,499 (1) \$ 0	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2018		A		12,005 (2) \$ 0	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2018		F		387 (3) \$ 11.62	D	
Common Stock	01/27/2018		F		3,385 (4) \$ 11.62	D	
Common Stock	01/27/2018		F		1,468 (5) \$ 11.62	D	

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"Company") common stock. Subject to continuing employment, these RSUs vest in one-third increments on January 26, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

- (2) A portion of the reporting person's 2017 Management Incentive Plan Award was granted in the form of RSUs that carry transfer restrictions that lapse in one-third increments on January 26, 2019, 2020 and 2021, regardless of continued employment.
- (3) Represents shares of the Company common stock required to be withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations upon the grant of RSUs.

- (4) On January 27, 2017, the reporting person was granted restricted stock units ("RSUs") representing rights to receive shares of common stock of SLM Corporation (the "Company"), subject to vesting conditions, to vest in one-third increments on January 27, 2018, 2019 and 2020. On January 27, 2018, 10,644 shares vested in connection with these RSUs, of which 3,385 shares were withheld by the Company to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations.

- (5) On January 27, 2017, the reporting person was granted restricted stock units ("RSUs") representing rights to receive shares of common stock of SLM Corporation (the "Company"), subject to transfer restrictions that lapse in one-third increments on January 27, 2018, 2019 and 2020. On January 27, 2018, the transfer restrictions lapsed in connection with 4,347 of these RSUs, of which 1,468 shares were withheld by the Company to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations.

- (6) 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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