

ALVAREZ IGNACIO
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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 *
 ALVAREZ IGNACIO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P O BOX 362708

(Street)

SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/22/2013

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 & GENERAL COUNSEL

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)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	02/22/2013	02/22/2013	J ⁽¹⁾	10,284	A	\$ 0	50,507 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ D

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALVAREZ IGNACIO P O BOX 362708 SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708			EVP & GENERAL COUNSEL	

Signatures

Marie Reyes Rodriguez,
Attorney-in-fact

02/25/2013

**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).
- Issued pursuant to the Popular, Inc. 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan consistent with the requirements of the Interim Final Rule on TARP Standards for Compensation and Corporate Governance issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury in June 2009. The shares will vest
- (1) on the second anniversary of the grant date. In order to be transferable, the Corporation must have achieved profitability for at least one fiscal year. Once the profitability condition is obtained, the restricted stock will become transferable in 25% increments in accordance with each 25% of TARP financial assistance that is repaid by the Corporation.
 - (2) Amount reflects 1-for-10 reverse stock split effective May 29, 2012.
 - (3) Includes 13,508 shares that were held by the Reporting Person and his deceased spouse as community property, and to which the Reporting Person has an undivided interest pending liquidation of the conjugal partnership and estate of the deceased spouse.

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