

SLM CORP  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â SHEEHAN MICHAEL E                       |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | SLM CORP [SLM]   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 02/21/2008   |  |
| 12061 BLUEMONT WAY                        |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| RESTON,Â VAÂ 20190                        |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | SVP & General Counsel  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 14,443  | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock                    | 176.22  | I  | By 401(k)   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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|                             | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 03/08/2004       | 01/28/2013      | Common Stock | 4,838                      | \$ 35.2  | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 01/29/2005       | 01/29/2014      | Common Stock | 7,500                      | \$ 37.87 | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(1)</u>     | 01/27/2015      | Common Stock | 10,000                     | \$ 50.75 | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(2)</u>     | 01/26/2016      | Common Stock | 7,500                      | \$ 55.82 | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 01/25/2008       | 01/25/2017      | Common Stock | 8,500                      | \$ 45.41 | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(3)</u>     | 01/31/2018      | Common Stock | 100,000                    | \$ 21.5  | D                                     | Â |

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| SHEEHAN MICHAEL E<br>12061 BLUEMONT WAY<br>RESTON, VA 20190 | Â             | Â         | Â SVP & General Counsel | Â     |

**Signatures**

By: Mary F. Eure  
(POA) 02/27/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

**Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) These options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$60.90, for five trading days, they also become exercisable on the eighth anniversary of the grant (January 27, 2013), but no sooner than one year from the grant date.
- (2) These options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$66.98, for five trading days, they also become exercisable on the eighth anniversary of the grant (January 26, 2014), but no sooner than one year from the grant date.
- (3) Fifty percent of these options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$25.80, for five trading days, but no sooner than January 31, 2009; 50 percent of these options become exercisable upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$30.10, for five trading days, but no sooner than January 31, 2010; they also become exercisable on the eight anniversary of the grant (January 31, 2016).

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**Remarks:**  
ExhibitÂ 24Â -Â PowerÂ ofÂ Attorney

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