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5 obligations may continue.			STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES						ed average hours per	
See Instru 1(b). Form 3 H Reported Form 4 Transacti Reported	Filed pur ^{Ioldings} Section 17(a) of the Publi	on 16(a) of the c Utility Holdi e Investment C	ng Comp	any A	Act of	1935 or Sect			
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> CARRION JOSE B JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol POPULAR INC [BPOP]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2006				(Check all applicable) <u>X</u> Director <u>10%</u> Owner Officer (give title <u>Other</u> (specify below) <u>below</u>)			
P.O. BOX	(Street)		Amendment, Date l(Month/Day/Year)	Original			6. Individual or	Joint/Group		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-De	rivative Se	curiti	es Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefi	cially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date any (Month/Day/Ye	Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and	Ownership Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock Par Value \$6	12/31/2006	12/31/2006	J <u>(1)</u>	Amount 230	or (D) A	Price \$ 0	(insu: 5 and 4) 1,479,649	D	Â	
per share Common Stock Par Value \$6	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	36,648	I	% of Junior Investment (2)	

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per share

Common

Stock Par

Value \$6 per share

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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	ant of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D S B O E I S F i (I
					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CARRION JOSE B JR P.O. BOX 362708 SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			
Signatures							

Signatures

Jose B. Carrion Jr.	02/07/2007			
<u>**</u> 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) Acquired under Popular, Inc.'s Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan in exempt transactions pursuant Rule 16(a)-11 during calendar year 2006.
- (2) Ownership of 0.29% in Junior Investment Corp., which owns 9,810,882 shares of Popular, Inc. at the end of December 22, 2005.

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