

DE ALVAREZ BRUNILDA SANTOS
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 DE ALVAREZ BRUNILDA SANTOS
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 EVP & Chief Legal Officer

PO BOX 362708
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2009

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708
 (City) (State) (Zip)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)	(A) or (D)	Price	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	12/31/2009	12/31/2009	A ⁽¹⁾	276	A	\$ 0	68,492	D	^
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	12/31/2009	12/31/2009	J ⁽²⁾	551	A	\$ 0	69,043	D	^

