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CHAFEY DAVID H JR Form 5 January 28, 2009 **FORM 5**

OMB APPROVAL OMB UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per 5 obligations **OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES** response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer CHAFEY DAVID H JR Symbol POPULAR INC [BPOP] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify 12/31/2008 below) below) PO BOX 362708 Sr. EVP (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

SAN JUAN, PRÂ 00936-2708

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(City)	(State) (A	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Deri	vative Secu	urities	Acqui	red, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securiti (A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4) Amount	sposed	of	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	12/31/2008	12/31/2008	J <u>(1)</u>	10,459	A	\$0	376,990	D	Â
Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	12/31/2008	12/31/2008	A <u>(2)</u>	18,126	A	\$0	395,116	D	Â

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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. 6. Date Exercisable and Number Expiration Date of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	Amou Under Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CHAFEY DAVID H JR PO BOX 362708 SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708	Â	Â	Sr. EVP	Â			

Signatures

David H. 01/28/2009 Chafey, Jr. **Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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). **
- Acquired under Popular, Inc.'s Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan in exempt transactions pursuant Rule 16(a)-11 during (1) calendar year 2008.
- Acquired under Popular Inc. Puerto Rico Savings and Investment Plan in exempt transactions pursuant to Rule 16(b)(3) during calendar (2) year 2008.

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