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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 *

Â Merk Randall W
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE CHARLES SCHWAB CORPORATION,Â 120 KEARNY STREET

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO,Â CAÂ 94108

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 01/01/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SCHWAB CHARLES CORP [SCH]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 EVP - Asset Management

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	32,303	D	Â
Common Stock	31,600	I	by Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	09/25/2003	09/25/2012	Common Stock	18,750	\$ 9	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	09/25/2003	09/25/2012	Common Stock	18,750	\$ 9	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	12/15/2004	09/30/2011	Common Stock	145,986	\$ 9.19	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Merk Randall W C/O THE CHARLES SCHWAB CORPORATION 120 KEARNY STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94108	Â	Â	Â EVP - Asset Management	Â

Signatures

Randall W.
Merk

01/04/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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