

FIRST CHARTER CORP /NC/
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JAMES ROBERT E JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST CHARTER CORP /NC/ [FCTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10200 DAVID TAYLOR DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/13/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President FCB

CHARLOTTE, NC 28262-2373

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/13/2006	03/13/2006	M	3,000 A \$ 14.5	13,716	D	
Common Stock					3,928.257	I	401K
Common Stock					219.0402	I	Daughter - Caroline
Common Stock					219.0402	I	Son - Phillip

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.75					<u>(1)</u> 01/17/2011	Common Stock	23,296
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.37					<u>(1)</u> 01/16/2012	Common Stock	21,985
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 18.375					<u>(1)</u> 01/29/2009	Common Stock	35,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 18.39					<u>(2)</u> 01/15/2013	Common Stock	21,597
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.66					<u>(2)</u> 01/19/2015	Common Stock	18,448
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.66					<u>(2)</u> 03/09/2016	Common Stock	18,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14.5	03/13/2006	03/13/2006	M	3,000	<u>(1)</u> 01/20/2010	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JAMES ROBERT E JR 10200 DAVID TAYLOR DRIVE CHARLOTTE, NC 28262-2373			President	FCB

Signatures

Robin S. Leslie, by Power of Attorney	03/15/2006
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__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).
- (2) Options are exercisable in 5 equal yearly installments beginning one year after grant date.
- (1) All Options are currently exercisable

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