

CULLEN FROST BANKERS INC

Form 4

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**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Perotti William L

 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CULLEN FROST BANKERS INC  
 [CFR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 100 WEST HOUSTON STREET  
 (Street)

 3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/21/2008

 \_\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Group Executive Vice President

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205

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

 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value  | 10/21/2008                           |                                                    | A                              | 4,000                                                             | A \$ 0 63,895                                                                                 | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 24,573                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                   |

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) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 52.44                                               | 10/21/2008                           |                                                    | A                              | 13,000                                                                                  | <sup>(1)</sup> 10/21/2018                                | Common Stock 13,000                                           |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                        | Relationships                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                       | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Perotti William L<br>100 WEST HOUSTON STREET<br>SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205 | Group Executive Vice President   |

## Signatures

/s/ William L.  
Perotti 10/23/2008  
 \*\*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) Vest 25% per year from Grant Date of 10-21-2008.

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