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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Date of Event 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Requiring Statement Smith Cecil O Jr FIRST CHARTER CORP /NC/ [FCTR] (Month/Day/Year) (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original 02/28/2005 Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 10200 DAVID TAYLOR DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Owner CHARLOTTE, NCÂ 28262-2373 X Officer Other Form filed by More than One (give title below) (specify below) Reporting Person Group EVP & CIO (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Ownership Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

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Stock Options (Right to buy)

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02/28/2015 Common

7,138

\$ 23.6

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Smith Cecil O Jr

10200 DAVID TAYLOR DRIVE CHARLOTTE, NCÂ 28262-2373 Â

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Group EVP & CIO Â

Signatures

Jan H Hollar

03/04/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Options are exercisable in 5 equal yearly installments beginning one year after grant date.

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