

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 *
Smith Cecil O 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)
03/09/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Group EVP & CIO

CHARLOTTE, NC 28262-2373
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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				(A) or (D) Price	500	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)

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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. Fair Market Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.6					<u>(1)</u> 02/28/2015	Common Stock	7,138
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.66	03/09/2006		A	7,400	<u>(1)</u> 03/09/2016	Common Stock	7,400 \$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Cecil O Jr 10200 DAVID TAYLOR DRIVE CHARLOTTE, NC 28262-2373			Group EVP & CIO	

Signatures

Robin S. Leslie, by Power of Attorney
Date: 03/13/2006

____ 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) Options are exercisable in 5 equal yearly installments beginning one year after grant date.

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