CULLEN FROST BANKERS INC

Form 4

March 03, 2006

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

CULLEN FROST BANKERS INC

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

ESCOBEDO RUBEN M

(Middle) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2006

100 WEST OLMOS DRIVE, SUITE

104

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Symbol

[CFR]

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

Applicable Line)

_X__ Director

Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			d of (D)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Stock, \$0.01 par value	03/02/2006		M	4,000	A	\$ 26.88	7,425	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	03/02/2006		M	3,000	A	\$ 26.625	10,425	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par							425	I	By Spouse (1)

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value

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

Joint 2,150 I Tenants (2)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.88	03/02/2006		M		4,000	07/28/1998	07/28/2008	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.625	03/02/2006		M		3,000	07/27/1999	07/27/2009	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	reactions in po						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ESCOBEDO RUBEN M 100 WEST OLMOS DRIVE SUITE 104 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212	X						

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Relationships

Signatures

/s/ Ruben M. 03/03/2006 Escobedo

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Mr. Escobedo disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (2) Shared voting and investment power with spouse.

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