

POPULAR INC  
Form 8-K  
November 10, 2010

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

November 4, 2010

Popular, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Puerto Rico

001-34084

66-0667416

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

209 MUNOZ RIVERA AVE, POPULAR  
CENTER BUILDING, HATO REY , Puerto  
Rico

00918

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

787-765-9800

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.04 Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans.**

On November 4, 2010, Popular, Inc. (the "Corporation") received the notice required by Section 101(i)(2)(E) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, informing it that, due to the transfer of the account balances pertaining to EVERTEC, Inc. employees (the "Evertec Participants") in the Popular, Inc. Puerto Rico Savings and Investment Plan (the "Plan") to the EVERTEC, Inc. Puerto Rico Savings and Investment Plan (the "Evertec Plan"), Evertec Participants will temporarily be unable to obtain distributions of balances or withdrawals of funds from the Plan or change investment elections or make transfers of existing balances among Plan investment options during a period that is expected to begin at 12:00 a.m. on December 6, 2010 and end at 12:00 a.m. December 18, 2010 (the "Blackout Period"). The limitations on transactions during the Blackout Period will impact common stock of the Corporation in the Plan.

Inquiries concerning the Blackout Period or the notice should be directed to Ignacio Alvarez, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, at Popular, Inc., 209 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, 9th Floor, San Juan, P. R. 00918, or by telephone at (787) 758-7208.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Popular, Inc.

*November 10, 2010*

By: */s/ Ileana Gonzalez*

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*Name: Ileana Gonzalez*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Corporate Comptroller*