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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

value

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Skillman Emily	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	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/21/2008	Director 10% Owner Selection Other (specify below) Or Executive Vice President		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	10/21/2008		A	3,400	A	\$0	14,439	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par							9,256	I	Through 401(k) Plan

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 orDerivative 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	11,000	<u>(1)</u>	10/21/2018	Common Stock	11,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Skillman Emily

100 WEST HOUSTON STREET SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205

Group Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Emily

Skillman 10/23/2008

**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) Vest 25% per year from Grant Date of 10-21-2008.

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