

FIRST BANCORP /PR/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NEVARES LA COSTA HECTOR  
M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO BOX 9146

(Street)

SAN JUAN, PR 00908-0146

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
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3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/31/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
First BanCorp Preferred Perpetual Series D	10/31/2008		P		3,200 A \$ 17 (1)	76,400	D
First BanCorp Preferred Perpetual Series C	10/31/2008		P		1,100 A \$ 17.25	21,100	D
First BanCorp	10/31/2008		P		100 A \$ 22.96	48,400	D

Preferred  
Perpetual  
Series B

First

BanCorp  
Preferred  
Perpetual  
Series C

11/03/2008	P	900	A	\$	22,000	D
				17.25		

First

BanCorp  
Preferred  
Perpetual  
Series B

11/04/2008	P	4,900	A	\$	53,300	D
				22.96		

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 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEVARES LA COSTA HECTOR M PO BOX 9146 SAN JUAN, PR 00908-0146	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Hector M. Nevarez La  
Costa

11/06/2008

\_\_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).

This amount represents the weighted average purchase price for this transactions reported on this line, which prices range from \$16.98 to (1) \$17.00. Upon written request by SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price may be provided.

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