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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 1, 2005

POPULAR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO	<u>0-13818</u>	<u>66-0416582</u>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)
209 MUNOZ RIVERA AVENUE HATO REY, PUERTO RICO		00918
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip code)
	<u>(787) 765-9800</u>	
(Registrant's te	elephone number, including area	code)
	NOT APPLICABLE	
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)		
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 1, 2005, Popular, Inc. ("Popular") announced the completion of the merger transaction between Popular and E-LOAN, Inc., a Delaware corporation, in accordance with a definitive merger agreement initially announced on August 3, 2005.

A copy of Popular's press release announcing the completion of the Merger is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit.

99.1 Press Release dated November 1, 2005

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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.

(Registrant)

Date: November 2, 2005 By: /s/ Ileana Gonzalez

Ileana Gonzalez

Senior Vice President and Comptroller