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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> NEVARES LA COSTA HECTOR M			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/31/2007	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST BANCORP /PR/ [fbp]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
PO BOX 9146 (Street) SAN JUAN, PR 00908-0146				(Check all applicable) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)		Owner	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	1	
Common Stock			200,000		D	Â		
Common Stock			25,000		Ι	By Family Trust (1)		
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.					EC 1473 (7-02	2)		

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
	(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
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Security: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable	Expiration Title Date		Amount or Number of Shares			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships					
			tor	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
NEVARES LA COSTA HECTOR M PO BOX 9146 SAN JUAN, PR 00908-0146			X	Â	Â	Â		
Signatures								
/s/ Hector M. Nevares	09/10/2007							
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date							
Evaluation of Responses:								

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Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) These shares are held on a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's children.

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