

Merk Randall W  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Merk Randall W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SCHWAB CHARLES CORP  
 [SCHW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/30/2006

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP-Schwab Financial Products

C/O THE CHARLES SCHWAB CORPORATION, 120 KEARNY STREET

(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  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94108

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 10/30/2006                           |  | A                              | (A) or (D)<br>A   | Amount<br>25,105<br>(1)<br>Price<br>\$ 0  | 31,706 (2)   | D                                 |

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)**

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| 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 19.186 <sup>(3)</sup>                               | 10/30/2006                           |  | A                              | 81,081  | 10/30/2007 <sup>(4)</sup> 10/30/2013                     | Common Stock                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Merk Randall W<br>C/O THE CHARLES SCHWAB CORPORATION<br>120 KEARNY STREET<br>SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94108 |               | X         | EVP-Schwab Financial Products |       |

## Signatures

Jane E. Fry,  
Attorney-in-fact  
11/01/2006

         \*\*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).
- (1) The award vests in increments of 25% on November 1, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 based on the company achieving a performance target related to return on equity for the one-year performance period ending on the day immediately prior to each vesting date.
  - (2) As of the date of this report, the reporting person also had an indirect beneficial ownership interest in 157,393 shares held in trust.
  - (3) Shares under the option have an exercise price of \$19.186, which is 106% of the closing price of the company's common stock on the date of grant (\$18.10).
  - (4) The option vests 25% on each of the first, second, third, and fourth anniversary of the grant date and has a term of seven years.

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