

FIRST BANCORP /PR/  
Form 25  
January 03, 2012

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

**FORM 25**

**NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL FROM LISTING AND/OR  
REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(b) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**

Commission File Number 001-14793

First BanCorp., New York Stock Exchange

(Exact name of Issuer as specified in its charter, and name of Exchange where security is listed and/or registered)

1519 Ponce de León Avenue, Stop 23, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00908; (787) 729-8109

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Issuer's principal executive offices)

7.125% Noncumulative Perpetual Monthly Income Preferred Stock, Series A

8.35% Noncumulative Perpetual Monthly Income Preferred Stock, Series B

7.40% Noncumulative Perpetual Monthly Income Preferred Stock, Series C

7.25% Noncumulative Perpetual Monthly Income Preferred Stock, Series D

7.00% Noncumulative Perpetual Monthly Income Preferred Stock, Series E

(Description of class of securities)

Please place an X in the box to designate the rule provision relied upon to strike the class of securities from listing and registration:

17 CFR 240.12d2-2(a)(1)

17 CFR 240.12d2-2(a)(2)

17 CFR 240.12d2-2(a)(3)

17 CFR 240.12d2-2(a)(4)

Pursuant to 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(b), the Exchange has complied with its rules to strike the class of securities from listing and/or withdraw registration on the Exchange.<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(c), the Issuer has complied with the rules of the Exchange and the requirements of 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(c) governing the voluntary withdrawal of the class of securities from listing and registration on the Exchange.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, First BanCorp. certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing the Form 25 and has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

January 3, 2012

Date

By: /s/ Lawrence Odell

Name

General Counsel and EVP

Title

<sup>1</sup> Form 25 and attached Notice will be considered compliance with the provisions of 17 CFR 240.19d-1 as applicable. See General Instructions.