

FIRST BANCORP /PR/  
Form 425  
August 18, 2010

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 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): August 18, 2010  
FIRST BANCORP.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**001-14793  
(Commission File Number)**

**Puerto Rico  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)**

**66-0561882  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)**

**1519 Ponce de Leon  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00908-0146  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)  
(787) 729 8200**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)  
Not applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
-

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

As previously announced, First BanCorp will host a conference call on August 18, 2010 to present the purpose for and terms of its preferred stock exchange offer. A copy of management's presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

99.1 First BanCorp Proposed Exchange Offer Presentation, dated August 18, 2010

---

**SIGNATURE**

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.

Date: August 18, 2010

FIRST BANCORP

By: /s/ Orlando Berges

Name:

Orlando Berges

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

---

**Exhibit Index**

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

99.1 First BanCorp Proposed Exchange Offer Presentation, dated August 18, 2010