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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1940 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* 2. Issuer Name 4. Statement for 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) Schaefer, George A., Jr. and Ticker or Trading (Month/Day/Year to Issuer Symbol (Check all applicable) 03/28/2003 (First) (Last) Fifth Third Bancorp X Director _ 10% Owner (Middle) X Officer (give title below) _ Other 38 Fountain Square Plaza **FITB** (specify below) 5. If Amendment, 3. I.R.S. Identification (Street) Date of Original Description **President and CEO** Number of Reporting Cincinnati, OH 45263 (Month/Day/Year) Person, if an entity (voluntary) 7. Individual or Joint/Group 04/01/2003 (City) (State) Filing (Check Applicable Line) (Zip) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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. Transa Cod (Inst	е	4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	٧	Amount	A/D	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr.	(Instr. 4)	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Own (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
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. Transactio Code (Instr.8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9.		

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			Code	V	А	D	DE	ED	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Option to Purchase	\$51.46	03/28/2003	Α		200,000		03/28/2003(1)	03/28/2013	Common Stock	200,000	0(2)	2

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Indicates grant date. Options are exercisable as follows: 25% one year from grant date; 50% two years from grant; 75% three years from grant and 100% four years from grant.
- (2) Issued pursuant to Fifth Third Bancorp 1998 Long-Term Incentive Stock Plan. No consideration paid.
- (3) Includes total number of unexercised option grants previously reported.

By: Date:

<u>/s/ Paul L. Reynolds,</u> <u>04/08/2003</u>

Attorney-in-Fact for George A. Schaefer, Jr.

** Signature of Reporting Person SEC 1474 (9-02)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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