

KENT S BELASCO
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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 *
KENT S BELASCO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC [FMBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
300 PARK BOULEVARD, SUITE 400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/18/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Chief Information Officer

ITASCA, IL 60143

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock under NQ Retirement Plan	(1)	02/18/2005	A		1	(2)	(3)	(4)	Common Stock	1 \$ 34.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KENT S BELASCO
300 PARK BOULEVARD, SUITE 400
ITASCA, IL 60143

EVP, Chief Information Officer

Signatures

By: Donna L. Zodrow,
Attorney-in-fact for

02/21/2005

**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) Shares of phantom stock in the NQ Retirement Plan have a 1-for-1 conversion ratio.

Between January 25, 2005 and February 18, 2005 the reporting person acquired 1 share of First Midwest common stock under the First

(2) Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Non-Qualified Retirement Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated February 18, 2005.

(3) Shares of phantom stock in the NQ Retirement Plan are exercisable immediately.

(4) Shares of phantom stock in the NQ Retirement Plan are payable in cash following the termination of the reporting person's employment with First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.

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