

KENT S BELASCO

Form 4

December 23, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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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)
ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/23/2005

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

ITASCA, IL 60143

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price Derivat Security
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock under NQ Retirement Plan	(1)	12/23/2005	A		5 (2)		(3)	(4)	Common Stock	5	\$ 36.3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
KENT S BELASCO ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500 ITASCA, IL 60143	EVP, Chief Information Officer

Signatures

By: Donna L. Zodrow,
Attorney-in-fact for
12/23/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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 December 13, 2005 and December 23, 2005 the reporting person acquired 5 shares of First Midwest common stock under the
- (2) First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Non-Qualified Retirement Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated December 23, 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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