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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 *
OMEARA JOHN M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500

(Street)

ITASCA, IL 60143

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_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. 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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2006		M		832	A	$ 31.01	75,618	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S		832	D	$ 33.69	74,786	D	
Common Stock								3,099 (1)	I	By IRA
Common Stock								226,482 (2)	I	By NQ Stock Option Gain Deferral

				Plan Tr
Common Stock		165,165 (3) (4)	I	By Profit Sharing Plan Trust
Common Stock		38,805	I	By Spouse

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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 (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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 31.01	02/21/2006		M			832	11/09/2002	02/21/2006	Common Stock	832

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OMEARA JOHN M ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500 ITASCA, IL 60143	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

By: Andrea L. Stangl, Attorney-in-fact for	02/23/2006
**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) Between September 10, 2005 and February 23, 2006 the reporting person acquired 43 shares of First Midwest common stock under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated October 18, 2005.

(2) Between September 10, 2005 and February 23, 2006 the reporting person acquired 3,305 shares of First Midwest common stock pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Non-Qualified Gain Deferral Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated January 17, 2006.

(3) Between September 10, 2005 and February 23, 2006 the reporting person acquired 2,367 shares of First Midwest common stock pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated January 24, 2006.

(4) Between September 10, 2005 and February 23, 2006 the reporting person acquired 687 shares of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. common stock under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated February 23, 2006.

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