

KENT S BELASCO
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FORM 4

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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)
12/27/2004

____ 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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 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 Number | 5. Expiration Date | 6. Date Exercisable and | 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) | 12/27/2004 | A | | 5 | (2) | (3) | (4) | Common Stock | 5 \$ 37.0 |

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: Andrea L. Stangl, Attorney-in-fact for
 12/29/2004
 **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 December 14, 2004 and December 29, 2004 the reporting person acquired 5 shares of First Midwest common stock under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc Non-Qualified Retirement Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated December 27, 2004.
- (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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