

FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC  
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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 \*  
**OMEARA ROBERT P**

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)  
**09/16/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**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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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/16/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>		28,795	A	\$ 26.255
Common Stock	09/16/2005		M <sup>(2)</sup>		26,346	A	\$ 28.695
Common Stock	09/16/2005		F <sup>(1)</sup>		23,269	D	\$ 0 313,737
Common Stock	09/16/2005		F <sup>(2)</sup>		22,524	D	\$ 0 291,213
Common Stock	09/16/2005		M <sup>(3)</sup>		2,889	A	\$ 32.715 294,102

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Common Stock	09/16/2005	F <sup>(3)</sup>	2,513	D	\$ 0	291,589	D	
Common Stock						30,468	I	By IRA
Common Stock						198,436	I	By NQ Stock Option Gain Deferral Plan Tr
Common Stock						153,287	I	By Spouse

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 (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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.695	09/16/2005		M <sup>(2)</sup>		26,346	<sup>(4)</sup>	02/20/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.255	09/16/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>		28,795	<sup>(5)</sup>	02/19/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.715	09/16/2005		M <sup>(3)</sup>		2,889		02/24/2005 02/24/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.615	09/16/2005		A <sup>(6)</sup>	2,513			03/16/2006 02/24/2014	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OMEARA ROBERT P ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500 ITASCA, IL 60143	X			

## Signatures

By: Andrea L. Stangl,  
Attorney-in-fact for

09/19/2005

\_\_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) The transaction represents the exercise of 28,795 stock options under the Omnibus Stock & Incentive Plan whereby 23,269 previously acquired shares were tendered as payment of the exercise price and tax liability with the resulting value realized being issued to the reporting person in the form of 5,526 shares.

(2) The transaction represents the exercise of 26,346 stock options under the Omnibus Stock & Incentive Plan whereby 22,524 previously acquired shares were tendered as payment of the exercise price and tax liability with the resulting value realized being issued to the reporting person in the form of 3,822 shares.

(3) The transaction represents the exercise of 2,889 stock options under the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan whereby 2,513 previously acquired shares were tendered as payment of the exercise price with the resulting value realized being issued to the reporting person in the form of 376 shares.

(4) The stock option vests in two equal annual installments beginning on February 20, 2004.

(5) The stock option vests in two equal annual installments beginning on February 19, 2005.

(6) The transaction represents a reload stock option granted under the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan to replace the number of shares tendered in the option exercised on 9/16/05.

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