

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP  
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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 \*  
**HACKETT JAMES P**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45263

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FIFTH THIRD BANCORP [FITB]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**11/09/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 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	11/09/2005		X <sup>(1)</sup>	1,936 A <u>1</u>	7,008	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2005		D	1,936 D <u>1</u>	5,072	D	

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)**

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Phantom Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	11/09/2005		X <sup>(1)</sup>	1,936	<u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	1,936

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

HACKETT JAMES P  
 38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA X  
 CINCINNATI, OH 45263

## Signatures

Paul L. Reynolds, Attorney-in-Fact for James P. Hackett      01/11/2006

    \*\*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).
- As previously reported in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 10, 2005, on November 4, 2005 Fifth Third Bancorp amended its Old Kent Director's Deferred Compensation Plan to, among other things, conform with new Internal Revenue Code
- (1) Section 409A. As permitted by those changes, the Reporting Person elected to receive a complete taxable payout of his balance in the Plan on November 9, 2005. This resulted in the disposition by the Reporting Person of phantom stock held under the plan in exchange for a cash payout.
  - (2) The units are to be settled in cash based on the value of Fifth Third Bancorp common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

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