

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 *
SCHAEFER GEORGE A JR

(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)
05/25/2005

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)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 or Price		
Common Stock	02/25/2005		M		218,775 A \$ 11.0617	900,751.2691	D
Common Stock	05/25/2005		S		56,900 D \$ 42.66	843,851.2691	D
Common Stock	05/25/2005		F		71,221 D \$ 42.6	772,630.2691	D
Common Stock						61,759	I by Trusts (1)
Common Stock						61,759	I by Trusts (2)

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- (3) A family limited partnership of which the reporting person and his spouse are partners.
- (4) Indicates grant date. Options are exercisable as follows: 25% on grant date; 50% one year from grant; 75% two years from grant; and 100% three years from grant.
- (5) Issued pursuant to Fifth Third Bancorp stock option plan. No consideration paid.
- (6) Includes total number of unexercised option grants previously reported.

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