SCHAEFER GEORGE A JR

Form 4

March 13, 2003

SEC Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section

	pany Act of		
1. Name and Address of Reporting Schaefer, George A., Jr. (Last) (First) (Middle) 38 Fountain Square Plaza (Street) Cincinnati, OH 45263 (City) (State) (Zip)	Person* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Fifth Third Bancorp FITB 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2003 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director _ 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) _ Other (specify below) Description

	T	able I - Non-Derivat	tive Secu	ritie	s Acquire	d, Dis	posed o	of, or Beneficially	y Owned		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2.Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transac Code (Instr.		4. Securit (A) or Dis (Instr. 3	posed	Of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	٧	Amount	A/D	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/11/2003		G(1)		125,000	D			D		
Common Stock	03/11/2003		G(1)		125,000	Α			I	by Spouse	
Common Stock	03/11/2003		J(1)(2)		125,000	D		554,713	D		
Common Stock	03/11/2003		J(1)(3)		125,000	D		47,458	I	by Spouse	
Common Stock	03/11/2003		J(1)(2)		125,000	Α		125,000	ı	by Trusts(2)	

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Common Stock	03/11/2003		J(1)(3)		125,000	Α		125,000	ı	by Trusts(3)	
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Transaction Date f (Month/ Day/	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	Code	Transaction Number of Of Derivation Section 1.		rivat Secu quire or pos	6. Date and varive Expirati eculinas (ED) uired (Month/		7. Title and (ADE)unt of Underlying (Decurities (Instr. 3 and		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr.4)	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	11. Na In Be
				Code	<	Α	О	DE	ED	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The reporting person and his spouse have each established a series of Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts (GRATs) in connection with their tax and estate planning. On March 11, 2003, the reporting person gifted 125,000 shares to his spouse who in turn contributed those shares to her various GRATS. The reporting person also contributed another 125,000 shares directly to his GRATs.
- (2) Transfer to various GRATs of which the reporting person is a beneficiary.
- (3) Transfer to various GRATs of which the reporting person's spouse is a beneficiary.

By: Date:

/s/ Paul L. Reynolds

03/13/2003

Attorney-in-Fact for George A. Schaefer, Jr.

** Signature of Reporting Person

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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