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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * POSTON DANIEL T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP [FITB]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

10% Owner Other (specify

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below)

X_ Officer (give title

EVP & Auditor

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Director

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45263

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A)

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivative Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and Security 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount or Exercisable Date Number of Shares Phantom Common (2) (2) 13.6218 (2) 07/08/2005 Α 13.6218 Stock (1) Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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EVP & Auditor

Signatures

Paul L. Reynolds, as Attorney-in-Fact for Daniel T. Poston

07/12/2005

**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) Acquired pursuant to The Fifth Third Bancorp Non Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) The units are to be settled in Fifth Third Bancorp common stock on a 1-for-1 basis after termination of employment.

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