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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ARNOLD NEAL E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP [FITB]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

04/08/2005

below)

Executive Vice President

38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45263

(State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

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

Execution Date, if

(Middle)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

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

(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V

(A)

(D) Date Exercisable Expiration

Title

Aı

or Nı of

Date

Stock

Common Appreciation \$ 42.9 04/08/2005 A 62,377 04/08/2005(1) 04/08/2015 Stock Right

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ARNOLD NEAL E Executive 38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA Vice CINCINNATI, OH 45263 President

Signatures

Paul L. Reynolds, as Attorney-in-Fact for Neal E. 04/12/2005 Arnold

> **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).
- Indicates grant date. Stock appreciation rights are exercisable as follows: 25% one year from grant date, 50% two years from grant date, 75% three years from grant date, and 100% four years from grant date.
- (2) Issued pursuant to Fifth Third Bancorp Incentive Compensation Plan. No consideration paid.

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