

FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC
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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 *
 SCUDDER MICHAEL L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC [FMBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 300 PARK BOULEVARD, SUITE 400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/14/2004

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Chief Financial Officer

ITASCA, IL 60143

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/14/2004		M ⁽¹⁾		3,585	A	\$ 12.16	3,585	I	By NQ Stock Option Gain Deferral Plan Tr
Common Stock	12/14/2004		F ⁽¹⁾		1,185	D	\$ 0	2,400	I	By NQ Stock Option Gain Deferral

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) The transaction represents the exercise of 3,585 stock options under the Omnibus Stock & Incentive Plan whereby 1,185 previously acquired shares were tendered as payment of the exercise price with the resulting value realized being deferred into the Nonqualified Gain Deferral Plan in the form of 2,400 shares.

(2) Between May 27, 2004 and December 16, 2004 the reporting person acquired 8 shares of First Midwest common stock under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated October 19, 2004.

(3) Between May 27, 2004 and December 16, 2004 the reporting person acquired 54 shares of First Midwest common stock pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated October 25, 2004.

(4) Between May 27, 2004 and December 16, 2004 the reporting person acquired 34 shares of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. common stock under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated December 1, 2004.

(5) The stock option vests in two equal annual installments beginning on February 21, 1998.

(6) The transaction represents a reload stock option granted under the Omnibus Stock & Incentive Plan to replace the number of shares tendered in the option exercised on 12/14/04.

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