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Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Reporting Person

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* 2. Issuer Name 4. Statement for 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) Poston, Daniel T. and Ticker or Trading Month/Day/Year to Issuer Symbol (Check all applicable) 12/23/2002 (Last) (First) Fifth Third Bancorp Director _ 10% Owner (Middle) X Officer (give title below) 38 Fountain Square Plaza **FITB** _ Other (specify below) 5. If Amendment, 3. I.R.S. Identification (Street) Date of Original Description Senior VP and Number of Reporting Cincinnati, OH 45263 (Month/Day/Year) **Auditor** Person, if an entity (voluntary) (City) (State) 7. Individual or Joint/Group (Zip) Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One

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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2.Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | | n(A) or Dis | 4. Securities Acquir (A) or Disposed Of ((Instr. 3, 4, and 5 | | | mount of ecurities eneficially wned owing | 6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
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| Phantom Stock(1) | 1-for-1 | 12/23/2002 | n/a | Α | 169.71 | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 169.71 | \$58.95 | 346.5595 | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (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 after termination of employment

By:

/s/ Paul L. Reynolds, Attorney-in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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).
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