

VANDERWOUE J STEPHEN
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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 *
 VANDERWOUE J STEPHEN

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)
 ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/23/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

ITASCA, IL 60143
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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 Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr.)
Phantom Stock under NQ Deferred Comp. Plan	(1)	12/23/2008	A	4,560 (2)	(1)
					(1)
					Common Stock
					4,560
					18.7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VANDERWOUE J STEPHEN ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500 ITASCA, IL 60143		X		

Signatures

By: Andrea L. Stangl,
Attorney-in-fact for

12/23/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Shares of phantom stock acquired pursuant to the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan have a 1-for-1 conversion ratio and are payable in cash following the termination of the reporting person's services as a director of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.

Between February 27, 2004 and December 23, 2008, the Reporting Person acquired 4,560 shares of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Common

(2) Stock under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated December 23, 2008.

Between February 27, 2004 and December 23, 2008, the Reporting Person acquired 664 shares of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Common

(3) Stock pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment feature under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated October 15, 2008.

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