

KENT S BELASCO  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
KENT S BELASCO

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)  
01/06/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, Chief Information Officer

ITASCA, IL 60143

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial 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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr. 5)
Phantom Stock under NQ Retirement Plan	<u>(1)</u>	01/06/2006	A	<u>2</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2	\$ 35.		

### Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KENT S BELASCO  
ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500  
ITASCA, IL 60143

EVP, Chief Information Officer

### Signatures

By: Donna L. Zodrow,  
Attorney-in-fact for

01/09/2006

        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) Shares of phantom stock in the NQ Retirement Plan have a 1-for-1 conversion ratio.
- (2) Between January 4, 2006 and January 9, 2006 the reporting person acquired 2 shares of First Midwest common stock under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc Non-Qualified Retirement Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated January 6, 2006.
- (3) Shares of phantom stock in the NQ Retirement Plan are exercisable immediately.
- (4) Shares of phantom stock in the NQ Retirement Plan are payable in cash following the termination of the reporting person's employment with First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.

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