

POSTON DANIEL T
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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 *
POSTON DANIEL T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45263

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP [FITB]

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

01/08/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP & CFO

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 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. D
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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)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(2)</u>	01/08/2010	01/12/2010	A			975.432		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	975.432

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POSTON DANIEL T 38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA CINCINNATI, OH 45263			EVP & CFO	

Signatures

Paul L. Reynolds, as Attorney-in-Fact for Daniel T. Poston	01/12/2010
__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).

The phantom stock units represent a portion of the reporting person's salary, net of withholdings and deductions, and were issued under

(1) the Fifth Third Bancorp 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan. For more information, please see the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Fifth Third Bancorp on September 25, 2009.

(2) Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of of one share of Fifth Third Bancorp common stock.

(3) Phantom stock units will be settled in cash on the earlier to occur of June 15, 2011 or the reporting person's death.

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