

WISE STEPHANIE R  
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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 \*  
WISE STEPHANIE R

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)

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

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

EVP, Bus. & Institutional Svcs.

ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)

ITASCA, IL 60143

(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<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | (Instr. 5)              |     |                     |                    |                 |  |        |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|-------------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|--------|
|  |                                    |                  | Code       | V   | (A)                     | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |        |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>under NQ<br>Retirement<br>Plan | <u>(1)</u>                         | 03/17/2008       | A          |   | <u>23</u><br><u>(2)</u> |     | <u>(3)</u>          | <u>(3)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 23                                     | \$ 26. |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| WISE STEPHANIE R<br>ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500<br>ITASCA, IL 60143 |               |           | EVP, Bus.& Institutional Svcs. |       |

## Signatures

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

03/19/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* 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 Nonqualified Retirement Plan have a 1-for-1 conversion ratio.  
Between January 2, 2008 and March 19, 2008 the reporting person acquired 23 shares of First Midwest common stock under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Nonqualified Retirement Plan through the bi-weekly employee contribution feature of the Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated March 17, 2008.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock in the Nonqualified Retirement Plan are payable in cash following the termination of the reporting person's employment with First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.  
Between October 31, 2007 and March 19, 2008 the reporting person acquired 10 shares of First Midwest common stock pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Nonqualified Retirement Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated January 16, 2008.
- (3) Shares of phantom stock in the Nonqualified Retirement Plan are payable in cash following the termination of the reporting person's employment with First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.  
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