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(Print or Type R	Responses)									
1. Name and A POSTON D	Person [*]	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIFTH THIRD BANCORP [FITB]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/14/2005			Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & Auditor				
CINCINNA	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 					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, -	(A) or of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Reminder: Rep	ort on a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities bene	ficially ow	ned 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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Pr
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Deri
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Secu

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	or Dispo (D)	(Instr. 3, 4,				(Ins	
				Code	V (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock (1)	<u>(2)</u>	10/14/2005		А	15.695	5	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	15.695	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Hume / Humess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
POSTON DANIEL T 38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA CINCINNATI, OH 45263			EVP & Auditor				
Signatures							
Paul L. Reynolds, as Attorney-in-Fa	ct for Da	niel T.	10/18/2005				

Poston <u>**</u>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) 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 on a 1-for-1 basis after termination of employment.

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