

FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**OMEARA JOHN M**

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)  
**05/21/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman & CEO**

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 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 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.)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	05/21/2008	A		9,846 <sup>(3)</sup>		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	9,846	\$	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OMEARA JOHN M ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500 ITASCA, IL 60143	X		Chairman & CEO	

## Signatures

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

05/23/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) granted pursuant to the Restated First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan.
- (2) Each RSU represents a right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock (or, upon the election of the reporting person, cash equal to the fair market value thereof) upon vesting.

The number of RSUs awarded to the reporting person was determined by dividing the sum of the total dollar value granted to the reporting person by \$24.79 (average of the highest and lowest prices of the Issuer's Common Stock as reported by Nasdaq on May 21, 2008).

- (3) The RSUs will vest in two equal installments, on the first and second anniversary of the date of grant respectively, however, each RSU will vest in full upon the reporting person's retirement from the Issuer and may be settled in cash at the election of the reporting person.

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