

NIEHAUS ROBERT P  
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 SEC Form 4

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| <p align="center"><b>FORM 4</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).</p>  | <p><b>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION</b><br/>                 Washington, D.C. 20549</p> <p><b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP</b></p> <p>Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940</p> | <p align="center">OMB APPROVAL</p> <hr/> <p>OMB Number: 3235-0287<br/>                 Expires: January 31, 2005<br/>                 Estimated average burden hours per response. . . . . 0.5</p> |   |
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br/> <b>Niehaus, Robert P.</b></p> <p>_____<br/>                 (Last) (First)<br/>                 (Middle)<br/> <b>38 Fountain Square Plaza</b></p> <p>_____<br/>                 (Street)<br/> <b>Cincinnati, OH 45263</b></p> <p>_____<br/>                 (City) (State)<br/>                 (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p><b>Fifth Third Bancorp<br/>                 FITB</b></p> <p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</p>   | <p>4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p><b>02/27/2003</b></p> <p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</p>  | <p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</p> <p>Description <b><u>Executive Vice President</u></b></p> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |

**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 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|-------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount   | A/D | Price |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/27/2003                           | 02/27/2003   | J(1)                           | V | 12,800   | D   | \$    | 155,494   | D  | N/A   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/27/2003                           | 02/27/2003   | J(2)                           | V | 12,800   | A   | \$    | 50,897  | I  | by FLP, L.P.  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     |       | 73,427  |  | by Spouse   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr.8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (ED) (Month/Day/Year) |   | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |    | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr.4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4) | 11. Name of Beneficial Owner (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                          | V |  | A   | D | DE  | ED |   |   |   |   |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Transfer of shares to Niehaus Investors Limited Partnership (a family limited partnership) of which the reporting person, his spouse and their three children are the only general partners and of which the reporting person is the sole limited partner.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of common stock held by the FLP except to extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

**By:**  
/s/ Paul L. Reynolds, Attorney-in-Fact

**Date:**  
03/03/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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