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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â Pappas Thomas L
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

WELLINGTON
 MANAGEMENT COMPANY,
 LLP,Â 75 STATE STREET

(Street)

BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02109

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 01/01/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC [FF]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Officer of Investment Adviser

5. 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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
 (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned
 (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:
 Direct (D)
 or Indirect (I)
 (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
 (Instr. 5)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security
 (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
 (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security
 (Instr. 4)

Date Exercisable Date

Title Amount or Number of

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
 (Instr. 5)

Shares or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Pappas Thomas L WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLP 75 STATE STREET BOSTON, MA 02109	Â	Â	Â Officer of Investment Adviser	Â

Signatures

John E. Bruno, 01/05/2005
Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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