

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
May 26, 2005

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 20, 2005

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-8076  
(Commission

File Number)

Fifth Third Center  
38 Fountain Square Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio  
(Address of principal executive offices)

31-0854434  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

45263  
(Zip Code)

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(513) 534-5300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On May 20, 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Fifth Third Bancorp ( Fifth Third ) amended the Fifth Third Stock Option Gain Deferral Plan as set forth in Annex 1 hereto. The amendment to the Plan eliminates the future ability of participants in the Plan to defer receipt of shares of Fifth Third common stock upon exercise of stock options that had not yet been exercised as of the date of the amendment. The receipt of shares of Fifth Third common stock that had been previously issued upon exercise of stock options and deferred under the terms of the Plan, will continue to be deferred until paid as set forth in the Plan.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.1	Amendment No. 1 to Fifth Third Bancorp Stock Option Gain Deferral Plan

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP

(Registrant)

May 26, 2005	/s/ R. MARK GRAF <hr/>
	R. Mark Graf Senior Vice President and  Chief Financial Officer