

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) March 7, 2003

First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	0-10967 (Commission File Number)	36-3161078 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
300 Park Boulevard, Suite 405, Itasca, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices)		60143 (Zip Code)

(630) 875-7450

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) and (b) not applicable

(c) Exhibit Index:

- 99.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 99.2 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 7, 2003, First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. (the "Registrant") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002 (the "Report"). Accompanying the Report were certifications of the Registrant's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer made pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350. Copies of these certifications are attached hereto as exhibits to this report and are being furnished pursuant to Item 9 of Form 8-K solely for the purpose of disclosure pursuant to Regulation FD, and such information shall not be deemed filed with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or incorporated by reference into any registration statement, report, proxy statement or other document filed by the Registrant under such act or under the Securities Act of 1933.

The following Items are not applicable for this Form 8-K:

- Item 1. Changes in Control of Registrant
- Item 2. Acquisition or Disposition of Assets
- Item 3. Bankruptcy or Receivership
- Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant
- Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure
- Item 6. Resignations of Registrant's Directors
- Item 8. Change in Fiscal Year
- Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

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 thereunto duly authorized.

First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: March 7, 2003

/s/ MICHAEL L. SCUDDER

Michael L. Scudder
Executive Vice President

Certification

Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, the undersigned officer of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby certifies that:

- (1) the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ JOHN M. O'MEARA

Name: John M. O'Meara

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Dated: March 7, 2003

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.

Certification

Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, the undersigned officer of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby certifies that:

- (3) the Company's Year Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (4) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ MICHAEL L. SCUDDER

Name: Michael L. Scudder

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 7, 2003

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.