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On August 24, 2004, the Registrant issued the attached press release announcing that the Board of Directors had authorized the Trustee of the Company's ESOP Plan to purchase up to 40,000 shares of the Company's outstanding common stock.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

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The following Exhibits are being furnished herewith:

99.1 Registrant's Press Release dated August 24, 2004.

SIGNATURE

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.

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FIRST MIDWEST FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ Ronald J. Walters  
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Ronald J. Walters  
Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer  
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: August 25, 2004

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