

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>KUHL BARBARA J</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>101 GREENCROFT DR.</u>  (Street) <u>CHAMPAIGN IL 61821</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/ [ BUSE ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President- First Busey Corp.</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/16/2005</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) or (D)	Price			
Common <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2005		M		30,000	A	\$14.56	134,045	D	
Common <sup>(2)</sup>	12/16/2005		S		30,000	D	\$20.65	104,045	D	
Common								14,176.7539	I	ESOP Plan
Common								6,573.8721	I	401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
Common								144,904.031	I	Spouse
Common								25,470.939	I	Spouse ESOP Plan
Common								9,127.1802	I	Spouse 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

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

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 (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option	\$14.56	12/16/2005		X			30,000	04/16/2005	12/16/2010	Common Stock	30,000	\$14.56	0	D	
Stock Option	\$19.59							09/14/2007	09/14/2009	Common Stock	23,000		23,000	D	
Stock Option	\$14.56							04/16/2005	12/16/2010	Common Stock	30,000		30,000	I	Spouse
Stock Option	\$19.59							09/14/2007	09/14/2009	Common Stock	23,000		23,000	I	Spouse

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Exercise of Stock Option
- 2. Sale of Stock Option

/s/ Barbara J. Kuhl

12/19/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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