FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Add Newman R | ress of Reporting obert D | Ferson F | . Date of Event lequiring Staten Month/Day/Year 7/14/2006 | nent | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST INC [FR] | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|----------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) 311 SOUTH V | (First) VACKER DRIV | (Middle) | | | | ationship of Reporting Perso k all applicable) Director | son(s) to Issuer | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | |
| SUITE 4000 | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (spe below) | cify | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (Street) CHICAGO | IL | 60606 | | | | | | | 21 | • | More than One | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | ially Owned (Instr. 4) | | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Expiration | | | Expiration Da | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securitie Underlying Derivative Security | | 4. Convers | cise | 5. Ownership Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | n Title | e | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivati Security | ive | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

No securities owned.

No securities are beneficially owned.

<u>/s/ Robert D. Newman</u> <u>07/20/2006</u>

** 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 5 (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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