

## FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND

Form 3

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES  
GROUP INC  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ONE PNC PLAZA, 249 FIFTH  
AVENUE  
(Street)  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-2707  
(City) (State) (Zip)2. Date of Event  
Requiring Statement  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/25/20053. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND  
[FHI]4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10%  
Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Affiliate of Subadvisor6. Individual or Joint/Group  
Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting  
Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One  
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)No Securities Owned <sup>(1)</sup>

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially  
owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)  
Title4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC ONE PNC PLAZA 249 FIFTH AVENUE PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-2707	Â	Â	Â	Affiliate of Subadvisor

## Signatures

William S.  
Demchak, CFO

07/25/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) The Reporting Person is filing this Form 3 solely because it is a control person of the Subadvisor of the Issuer.

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