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April 18, 2002

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) April 11, 2002

Commission File Number -----	Registrant; State of Incorporation; Address; and Telephone Number -----	I.R.S. Employer Identification No. -----
333-21011	FIRSTENERGY CORP. (An Ohio Corporation) 76 South Main Street Akron, Ohio 44308 Telephone (800)736-3402	34-1843785
1-2578	OHIO EDISON COMPANY (An Ohio Corporation) c/o FirstEnergy Corp. 76 South Main Street Akron, OH 44308 Telephone (800)736-3402	34-0437786
1-2323	THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY (An Ohio Corporation) c/o FirstEnergy Corp. 76 South Main Street Akron, OH 44308 Telephone (800)736-3402	34-0150020
1-3583	THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY (An Ohio Corporation) c/o FirstEnergy Corp. 76 South Main Street Akron, OH 44308 Telephone (800)736-3402	34-4375005
1-3491	PENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANY (A Pennsylvania Corporation) c/o FirstEnergy Corp. 76 South Main Street Akron, OH 44308 Telephone (800)736-3402	25-0718810
333-31250	JCP&L Transition Funding LLC (A Delaware Corporation)	75-2998870

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Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

(a) Previous independent accountant

- (i) Effective with the completion of the 2001 audits and related regulatory filings, Arthur Andersen LLP will be dismissed as the independent accountant for FirstEnergy Corp. and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, The Toledo Edison Company and JCP&L Transition Funding LLC (collectively, "Registrants"). On April 11, 2002, FirstEnergy's Board of Directors approved the decision to change independent accountants upon the recommendation of its Audit Committee.
- (ii) Except for the modification to FirstEnergy Corp.'s 2001 audit report to identify its change in accounting principle for the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," as amended, effective January 1, 2001, the reports of Arthur Andersen LLP on the financial statements of the Registrants for the two most recent fiscal years contained no adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principle.
- (iii) In connection with the audits for the two most recent fiscal years, there have been no disagreements with Arthur Andersen LLP on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Arthur Andersen LLP would have caused them to make reference thereto in their reports on the financial statements for such years.
- (iv) During the two most recent fiscal years and through April 11, 2002, there have been no reportable events as defined in Regulation S-K Item 304(a)(1)(v).
- (v) The Registrants have requested that Arthur Andersen LLP furnish them with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not they agree with the above statements. A copy of such letter, dated April 18, 2002, is filed as Exhibit 16 to this Form 8-K.

(b) New independent accountant

On April 11, 2002, the Registrants appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as their new independent accountant effective for the first quarter of 2002. During the two most recent fiscal years and through April 11, 2002, the Registrants have not consulted with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP regarding either:

- (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed; or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Registrants' financial statements, and neither a written report was provided to the Registrants or oral advice was provided that PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP concluded was an important

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factor considered by the Registrants in reaching a decision as to the accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue; nor

- (ii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement, as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions to Item 304 of Regulation S-K, or a reportable event, as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

Item 7. Exhibits

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
16	Arthur Andersen LLP letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding the change in certifying accountant.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

April 18, 2002

FIRSTENERGY CORP.

Registrant

OHIO EDISON COMPANY

Registrant

THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC
ILLUMINATING COMPANY

Registrant

THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY

Registrant

PENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANY

Registrant

JCP&L TRANSITION FUNDING LLC

Registrant

/s/Harvey L. Wagner

Harvey L. Wagner
Vice President and Controller