

VESPOLI LEILA L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

VESPOLI LEILA L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

76 SOUTH MAIN STREET

(Street)

AKRON, OH 44308

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

03/03/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed

(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Exec. Vice Pres & Gen. Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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**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 or Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/03/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 4,624.925<br>(1)  | A  | \$ 68.52 59,315.925 D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/03/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 3,145 (1)   | A  | \$ 68.52 62,460.925 D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/03/2008                           |  | F                              |   | 3,551 (1)   | D  | \$ 68.52 58,909.925 D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/03/2008                           | 03/03/2008   | S                              |   | 1,004 (2)   | D  | \$ 66.8 2,685.607 I                                   |

By Savings Plan

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

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**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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|----------------------|-----|--|------------------|---|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V                    | (A) | (D)  | Date Exercisable |   |
| Phantom / Retirement                       | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   |                      |     | <u>(3)</u>   | <u>(3)</u>       | Common Stock                                      |
| Phantom 3/05D                              | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   |                      |     | 02/25/2005   | 03/01/2008       | Common Stock                                      |
| Phantom 3/07D                              | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   |                      |     | 03/01/2007   | 03/01/2010       | Common Stock                                      |
| Phantom 3/08D                              | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   |                      |     | 03/01/2008   | 03/01/2011       | Common Stock                                      |
| RSUP1                                      | \$ 1   | 03/03/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 4,624,925            |     | 03/01/2008   | 03/01/2008       | Common Stock                                      |
| RSUP10                                     | \$ 1 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    | 03/03/2008                           | 03/03/2008   | A                              |   | 6,006 <sup>(5)</sup> |     | 03/03/2011   | 03/03/2011       | Common Stock                                      |
| RSUP4                                      | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   |                      |     | 03/01/2009   | 03/01/2009       | Common Stock                                      |
| RSUP6                                      | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   |                      |     | 03/01/2010   | 03/01/2010       | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.71   |                                      |  |                                |   |                      |     | 03/01/2004   | 03/01/2013       | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 38.76   |                                      |  |                                |   |                      |     | 03/01/2005   | 03/01/2014       | Common Stock                                      |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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AKRON, OH 44308

Exec. Vice Pres & Gen. Counsel

## Signatures

Edward J.  
Udovich, POA

03/04/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting  
Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (3) This transaction reflects the extension and vesting of phantom stock to retirement or other termination of employment under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.
- (2) This transaction was performed in accordance with a 10b5-1 Plan executed by Leila L. Vespoli on June 4, 2007.
- (4) 1 for 1
- (5) On February 19, 2008 the Board approved a March 3, 2008 performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant to Ms. Vespoli in the amount of 8,008 shares, of which 75% or 6,006 shares will be payable on March 3, 2011. 2,002 shares are subject to forfeiture if the performance goals are not met. The full grant can be adjusted upward by an additional 25% if the 3-year goals are achieved.
- (1) The RSUP1 award listed in Table II has been reported at 75% of the original grant amount, as that represents the minimum amount guaranteed to be paid out upon vesting. Because of performance targets achieved, the award was paid out on March 3, 2008, at a performance-adjusted rate of 125%. The shares coded "A" represent that portion attributable to this performance adjustment. The shares coded "F" were sold to cover income tax obligations associated with the payout.

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