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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Byrd William D			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET		ΣΤ	(Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2008	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specification) below)  Vice President			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
AKRON, OH 44308			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	ed, Disposed of,	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Approximately 1.			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership In Form: Be Direct (D) O	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/03/2008		Code V M	Amount 2,023	(D)	Price \$ 67.59	(Instr. 3 and 4) 2,023	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2008		A	681 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 68.52	2,704	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2008		M	1,002.176 (1)	A	\$ 68.52	3,706.176	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2008		F	830 (2)	D	\$ 67.59	2,876.176	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2008		F	830 (2)	D	\$ 67.59	2,046.176	D	

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Common Stock	03/03/2008	F	753 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 68.52	1,293.176	D	
Common Stock						3,579.9997	I	By Savings Plan

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securi (A) or (D)	nber of ative ties Acquired Disposed of 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Shar
Phantom 3/05D	\$ 1	03/03/2008		M		2,023	02/26/2005	03/01/2008	Common Stock	2
Phantom 3/06D	\$ 1						03/02/2006	03/02/2009	Common Stock	2,0
Phantom 3/07D	\$ 1						03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	2,4
Phantom 3/08D	\$ 1						03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	1
RSUD2	\$ 1						03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	65
RSUD5	\$ 1						03/01/2011	03/01/2011	Common Stock	20
RSUD7	\$ 1						03/01/2012	03/01/2012	Common Stock	28
RSUP1	\$ 1	03/03/2008		M		1,002.176	03/01/2008	03/01/2008	Common Stock	1,00
RSUP10	\$ 1 <u>(3)</u>	03/03/2008	03/03/2008	A	752 (4)		03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Common Stock	,
RSUP4	\$ 1						03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock	84
RSUP6	\$ 1						03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common	69

Stock

Stock

buy)

Options (Right to \$

\$ 38.76

03/01/2005 03/01/2014

Common Stock

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Byrd William D

76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308

Vice President

## **Signatures**

Edward J. Udovich, POA 03/04/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date

Person

## **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**) 1 for 1
- (2) These transactions reflect the conversion of stock originally deferred for three years, and held in the Phantom 3/05 account, to directly-held common stock. Shares were sold to cover tax obligations.
- On February 19, 2008 the Board approved a March 3, 2008 performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant to Mr. Byrd in the amount of 1,002 shares, of which 75% or 752 shares will be payable on March 3, 2011. 250 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.
- 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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