

Byrd William D  
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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 \*  
Byrd William D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/02/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

AKRON, OH 44308

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/02/2009		C		870 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 42.53
Common Stock	03/02/2009		A		599 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 42.53
Common Stock	03/02/2009		F		695 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 42.53
Common Stock	03/02/2009		S		251.0108 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$ 40.52
Common Stock	03/02/2009		C		2,118 <sup>(4)</sup>	A	\$ 42.56

By Savings Plan

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Common Stock      03/02/2009      F      904 <sup>(3)</sup>      D      \$ 42.56      2,466.358      D

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title      Amount of Number of Shares
Rsup4	\$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/02/2009		C	870 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/01/2009      03/01/2009	Common Stock      870
Phantom 3/06d	\$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/02/2009		C	2,118 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/02/2006      03/02/2009	Common Stock      2,118
RSUP12	\$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/02/2009		A	690 <sup>(5)</sup>	03/02/2012      03/02/2012	Common Stock      690
Phantom 3/07d	\$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>					03/01/2007      03/01/2010	Common Stock      2,546.8
Phantom 3/08d	\$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>					03/01/2008      03/01/2011	Common Stock      2,510.1
Rsud2	\$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>					03/01/2010      03/01/2010	Common Stock      682
Rsud5	\$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>					03/01/2011      03/01/2011	Common Stock      218.04
Rsud7	\$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>					03/01/2012      03/01/2012	Common Stock      297
Rsup6	\$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>					03/01/2010      03/01/2010	Common Stock      722
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.76					03/01/2005      03/01/2014	Common Stock      2,700
Rsup10	\$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>					03/03/2011      03/03/2011	770

## 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	03/04/2009
**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).
- (1) 1 for 1  
The RSUP4 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 2, 2009, 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.
  - (3) This transaction was performed in accordance with a 10b5-1 Plan signed by William D. Byrd on 11/28/2007.
  - (4) These transactions reflect the conversion of stock originally deferred for three years, and held in the Phantom 3/06D account, to directly-held common stock. Shares were sold to cover income tax obligations.  
On February 17, 2009, the Board approved a March 2, 2009 performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant to Mr. Byrd in the amount of
  - (5) 1,380 shares, of which 50% or 690 shares will be payable on March 2, 2012. Of these shares, 690 shares are subject to forfeiture if the performance goals are not met. The full grant can be adjusted upward by an additional 50% if the 3-year goals are achieved.

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