

FIRSTENERGY CORP  
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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 \*  
 Pearson James F

(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)  
 02/22/2008

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)  
 Vice President and Treasurer

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	02/22/2008		A		876.584 (1) 72.91	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2008		D		876.584 (1) 72.91	D	
Common Stock						I	By Mother (Jointly)
Common Stock						I	By Savings Plan

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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 or Number of Shares
Phantom 3/07D	\$ 1					03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	1,057.213
Phantom 3/08D	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/22/2008		A	361 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	361
RSUD2	\$ 1					03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	395.79
RSUD5	\$ 1					03/01/2011	03/01/2011	Common Stock	622.365
RSUP1	\$ 1					03/01/2005	03/01/2008	Common Stock	732.58
RSUP4	\$ 1					03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock	1,019.855
RSUP6	\$ 1					03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	1,225.724
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76					03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Pearson James F 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET			Vice President and Treasurer	

AKRON, OH 44308

## Signatures

Edward J.  
Udovich, POA

02/22/2008

\_\_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).  
On February 18, 2008, the Board authorized the cash payout of the 2005 grant of performance shares, no earlier than February 22, 2008,  
(1) based on the average of the high and low prices of FirstEnergy's stock on December 31, 2007. Based on performance, the amount of the cash payout was increased by 50%.  
(2) 1 for 1  
(3) Of this total, 301 of these shares are vested (i.e., non-forfeited) immediately; 60 of these shares become vested (i.e., non-forfeited) on 3/1/2011.

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