

WELSH THOMAS M  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
WELSH THOMAS M

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/25/2005

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

(Street)  
AKRON, OH 44308

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
Common Stock	02/25/2005		A	(A) V Amount 914.619 (1) Price \$ 39.535	914.619	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2005		D	(D) V Amount 914.619 (1) Price \$ 39.535	0	D	
Common Stock					2,881.4118	I	Savings Plan
Common Stock					1.01	I	By Thomas Welsh (Son)
					1.01	I	

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Common  
Stock

By Jeff  
Welsh  
(Son)

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
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.75							11/22/2004	11/22/2010	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.5							05/16/2005	05/16/2011	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.71							03/01/2004	03/01/2013	Common Stock	11,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.45							04/01/2004	04/01/2012	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76							03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock	15,000
Phantom 3/05D	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/25/2005		A		1,097.543 <sup>(3)</sup>		02/25/2005	03/01/2008	Common Stock	1,097.543

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WELSH THOMAS M 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

David W. Whitehead, POA	02/28/2005
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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) These performances shares paid out in cash, per the vesting and payout date approved by the Compensation Committee. The performance shares were not required to be reported at date of grant because the vesting is based in part on factors other than stock price.
- (2) 1 for 1
- (3) 914.619 shares are vested (i.e. non-forfeited). 182.9238 shares become vested (i.e. non-forfeited) on 3/1/2008.

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