

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)

02/25/2005

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)

Sr. 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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/25/2005		A		4,611.563 (1)	A	\$ 39.535
Common Stock	02/25/2005		D		4,611.563 (1)	D	\$ 39.535
Common Stock						I	3,740.6755
							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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.3125					03/01/2004	03/01/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 24.2813					02/13/2002	11/17/2005	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.75					11/22/2004	11/22/2010	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.5					05/16/2005	05/16/2011	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.71					03/01/2004	03/01/2013	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.45					04/01/2003	04/01/2012	Common Stock	35,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76					03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock	48,800
Phantom 3/02D	\$ 1					03/01/2002	03/01/2005	Common Stock	356,200
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	4,395
Phantom 3/03D	\$ 1					03/01/2003	03/01/2006	Common Stock	1,820,000
Phantom3/04D	\$ 1					03/01/2004	03/01/2007	Common Stock	2,995,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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## Signatures

David W. 02/28/2005  
Whitehead, POA

\_\_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) 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) This transaction reflects the extension and vesting of phantom stock to "retirement" or " other termination of employment" under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.

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