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**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)
 02/20/2009

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

AKRON, OH 44308
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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	02/20/2009		A		1,790.756 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 52.03
Common Stock	02/20/2009		D		1,790.756 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 52.03
Common Stock						I	158.341
							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. 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)	8. D S (
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom 3/06d	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾						03/02/2006	03/02/2009	Common Stock	2,090.43
Phantom 3/07d	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾						03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	2,546.819
Phantom 3/08d	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾						03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	2,510.137
Rsud2	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾						03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	682
Rsud5	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾						03/01/2011	03/01/2011	Common Stock	218.041
Rsud7	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾						03/01/2012	03/01/2012	Common Stock	297
Rsup10	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾						03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Common Stock	770
Rsup4	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾						03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock	870
Rsup6	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾						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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

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76 SOUTH MAIN STREET
AKRON, OH 44308

Vice President

Signatures

Edward J.
Udovich, POA

02/23/2009

 **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).

On February 17, 2009, the Board authorized the cash payout of the 2006 grant of performance shares, no earlier than February 20, 2009,

(1) based on the average high and low prices of FirstEnergy's stock on each trading date during the month of December, 2008. Based on performance, the amount of the cash payout was increased by 45.6%.

(2) 1 for 1

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