

FIRSTENERGY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
02/20/2009

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/20/2009		A		1,625.067 (1)	A	\$ 52.03
Common Stock	02/20/2009		D		1,625.067 (1)	D	\$ 52.03
Common Stock						I	2,100
Common Stock						I	4,896.152
							By Mother (jointly)
							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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom 3/09D	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/20/2009		A	666	<sup>(3)</sup>	03/01/2009	03/01/2012	Common Stock	666
Phantom 3/07d	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>						03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	1,092.228
Phantom 3/08d	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>						03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	1,125.326
Rsud2	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>						03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	409
Rsud5	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>						03/01/2011	03/01/2011	Common Stock	642
Rsup10	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>						03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Common Stock	1,388
Rsup4	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>						03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock	1,053
Rsup6	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>						03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	1,265

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Pearson James F 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308			Vice President and Treasurer	

## 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

(3) Of this total, 555 shares are vested (i.e., non-forfeited) immediately; 111 shares become vested (i.e., non-forfeited) on 3/1/2012.

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