ALEXANDER ANTHONY J

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

| ALEXANDER ANTHONY J | | | Symbol FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE] | | | | Is | Issuer | | |
|--|--|-------|---|--|--|---|-------------|--|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2009 | | | | | (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | |
| AKRON, 0 | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | A | Pres. & Chief Exec. Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Ta | ble I - Non | -Derivative Se | curiti | es Acqui | red, Disposed of, o | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Dai (Month/Day/Year) | | Date, if | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities a coor Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 an | of (D) | red (A) | 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 | 03/02/2009 | | | C | 38,672.25 (2) | A | \$ 42.53 | 246,456.715 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2009 | | | A | 26,615 <u>(2)</u> | A | \$ 42.53 | 273,071.715 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2009 | | | F | 31,604 (2) | D | \$ 42.53 | 241,467.715 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 19,225.81 | 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 or 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Rsup4 | \$ 1 <u>(1)</u> | 03/02/2009 | | С | (-1) | 38,672.25 (2) | 03/01/2009 | 03/01/2009 | Common Stock |
| RSUP12 | \$ 1 <u>(1)</u> | 03/02/2009 | | A | 29,447 (3) | | 03/02/2012 | 03/02/2012 | Common Stock |
| Phantom / Retirement | \$ 1 <u>(1)</u> | | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock |
| Phantom 3/07d | \$ 1 <u>(1)</u> | | | | | | 03/01/2007 | 03/01/2010 | Common Stock |
| Phantom 3/08d | \$ 1 <u>(1)</u> | | | | | | 03/01/2008 | 03/01/2011 | Common Stock |
| Rsup10 | \$ 1 <u>(1)</u> | | | | | | 03/03/2011 | 03/03/2011 | Common Stock |
| Rsup6 | \$ 1 <u>(1)</u> | | | | | | 03/01/2010 | 03/01/2010 | Common Stock |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.76 | | | | | | 03/01/2005 | 03/01/2014 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| ALEXANDER ANTHONY J | | | | | | | |
| 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET | | | Pres. & Chief Exec. Officer | | | | |
| AKRON, OH 44308 | | | | | | | |

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Edward J. Udovich, POA 03/04/2009

**Signature of Reporting 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)** 1 for 1
- The RSUP4 award listed in Table II has been reported at 75% of the original grant amount, as that represents the minimum amount guaranteed to be paid out upon vesting. Because of performance targets achieved, the award was paid out on March 2, 2009, at a performance-adjusted rate of 125%. The shares coded "A" represent that portion attributable to this performance adjustment. The shares coded "F" were sold to cover income tax obligations associated with the payout.
- On February 17, 2009, the Board approved a March 2, 2009 performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant to Mr. Alexander in the amount of 58,894 shares, of which 50% or 29,447 shares will be payable on March 2, 2012. Of these shares, 29,447 shares are subject to forfeiture if the performance goals are not met. The full grant can be adjusted upward by an additional 50% if the 3-year goals are achieved.
- (4) 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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