

FIRSTENERGY CORP

Form 4

February 22, 2008

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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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)

02/22/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Vice President and Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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	02/22/2008		A	Amount (1) 876.584	\$ 72.91	876.584	D
Common Stock	02/22/2008		D	Amount (1) 876.584	\$ 72.91	0	D
Common Stock					2,100	I	By Mother (Jointly)
Common Stock					4,544.211	I	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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom 3/07D	\$ 1							03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	1,057.213
Phantom 3/08D	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾	02/22/2008		A		361 <u>(3)</u>		03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	361
RSUD2	\$ 1							03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	395.79
RSUD5	\$ 1							03/01/2011	03/01/2011	Common Stock	622.365
RSUP1	\$ 1							03/01/2005	03/01/2008	Common Stock	732.58
RSUP4	\$ 1							03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock	1,019.855
RSUP6	\$ 1							03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	1,225.724
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76							03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

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

AKRON, OH 44308

Signatures

Edward J.
Udovich, POA

02/22/2008

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 18, 2008, the Board authorized the cash payout of the 2005 grant of performance shares, no earlier than February 22, 2008,
(1) based on the average of the high and low prices of FirstEnergy's stock on December 31, 2007. Based on performance, the amount of the cash payout was increased by 50%.
(2) 1 for 1
(3) Of this total, 301 of these shares are vested (i.e., non-forfeited) immediately; 60 of these shares become vested (i.e., non-forfeited) on 3/1/2011.

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