#### FIRSTENERGY CORP

Form 4

February 18, 2016

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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obligations

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**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

may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

GAINES BENNETT L

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

| UAINES E   | ~  | Symbol FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]                         |  |                    |  | 1,  | (Check all applicable)                                     |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|--|--|--------------------|--|-----|--|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)  |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) |                    |  |     | _  | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify  |  |   |  |
| 76 S. MAIN ST.   |  |  | 02/16/2016                                       |                    |  |     |  | below) below)  Sr VP Corp Svcs & CIO   |  |   |  |
|  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |  |                    |  | A   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |  |  |   |  |
| AKRON, O   | OH 44308   |  |  |                    |  |     |  | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                                |  |   |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip) <b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed</b> |  |  |  |                    |  |     | red, Disposed of,  | or Beneficiall   | y Owned  |   |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date any (Month/Day |  | te, if T   | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | ransaction Disposed of (D) lode (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) finstr. 8)  (A) or |     |  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 02/16/2016   |  | (  | Code V  A          | Amount 907.3992 (1)  | (D) | Price \$ 31.91   | 19,244.9792  | D  |   |  |
| Common<br>Stock  | 02/16/2016   |  |  | D                  | 907.3992<br>(1)  | D   | \$<br>31.91  | 18,337.58  | D  |   |  |
| Common<br>Stock  |  |  |  |                    |  |     |  | 1,668.044 (2)  | I  | By<br>Savings<br>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)

| <ol> <li>Title of</li> </ol> | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.                     | 5. Number | <ol><li>Date Exerci</li></ol> | sable and        | 7. Title and A | Amount of             |  |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--|
| Derivative                   | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transaction Derivative |           | e Expiration Dat              | Expiration Date  |                | Underlying Securities |  |
| Security                     | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code Securities        |           | (Month/Day/Y                  | (Month/Day/Year) |                | 4)                    |  |
| (Instr. 3)                   | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) Acquired    |           |                               |                  |                |                       |  |
|                              | Derivative  |                     |                    | (A) or                 |           |                               |                  |                |                       |  |
|                              | Security    |                     |                    | Disposed of            |           | •                             |                  |                |                       |  |
|                              | •           |                     |                    | (D)                    |           |                               |                  |                |                       |  |
|                              |             |                     |                    | (Instr. 3, 4,          |           |                               |                  |                |                       |  |
|                              |             |                     |                    |                        | and 5)    |                               |                  |                |                       |  |
|                              |             |                     |                    |                        |           |                               |                  |                |                       |  |
|                              |             |                     |                    |                        |           |                               |                  |                | Amount                |  |
|                              |             |                     |                    |                        |           | Date                          | Expiration       |                | or                    |  |
|                              |             |                     |                    |                        |           | Exercisable                   | Date             | Title          | Number                |  |
|                              |             |                     |                    |                        |           |                               |                  |                | of                    |  |
|                              |             |                     |                    | Code V                 | (A) (I    | <b>)</b> )                    |                  |                | Shares                |  |
|                              |             |                     |                    |                        | 7,389     |                               |                  | Common         |                       |  |
| RSUP18                       | <u>(3)</u>  | 02/16/2016          |                    | A                      |           | 03/01/2016                    | 03/01/2016       |                | 7,389                 |  |
|                              |             |                     |                    |                        | (4)       |                               |                  | Stock          | •                     |  |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GAINES BENNETT L 76 S. MAIN ST. AKRON, OH 44308

Sr VP Corp Svcs & CIO

# **Signatures**

Jennifer L. Geyer, attorney-in-fact 02/18/2016

\*\*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).
- The Board authorized the cash payout of the 2013 2015 cycle of performance shares, no earlier than February 18, 2016, based on the (1) high and low prices of FirstEnergy's stock for the month of December 2015. Based on performance, the amount of the cash payout was decreased to 25% of the original award amount.
- FE's 401(k) Plan includes a unitized fund invested in FE stock, in which the reporting person may invest, and includes dividend reinvestment and company match features. The number of shares reported as indirectly held in the 401(k) Plan in this row is an estimate of the number of shares of FE's common stock held in the unitized stock fund and allocated to the reporting person's account as of December 31, 2015.
- (**3**) 1 for 1
- (4) The RSUP18 award was granted on March 8, 2013. Fifty percent of the target amount of the RSUP18 award will vest upon the satisfaction of service requirements, regardless of the achievement of performance goals, and was previously reported in connection with the granting of the award. Due to performance goals achieved, the number of RSUs under the award has been increased to 150% of the original target amount. Restricted stock units, coded "A", represent that portion of the award that was not previously reported. Amounts

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also reflect dividend reinvestment. RSUP18 will vest on March 1, 2016.

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