

FIRSTENERGY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*

VESPOLI LEILA L

(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  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Sr. Vice Pres & Gen. Counsel

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2008                           |  | A                              | V   | 4,472.634<br>(1)  | A  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2008                           |  | D                              |   | 4,472.634<br>(1)  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,689.607   | I  | By Savings 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)

| 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 Number of Shares |
| Phantom / Retirement                       | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  | (2)   | Common Stock | 9,641.8                 |
| Phantom 3/05D                              | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/25/2005   | 03/01/2008  | Common Stock | 951.72                  |
| Phantom 3/07D                              | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2007   | 03/01/2010  | Common Stock | 5,513.7                 |
| Phantom 3/08D                              | \$ 1 <sup>(3)</sup>                                    | 02/22/2008                           |  | A                              | 5,515 <sup>(4)</sup>  | 03/01/2008   | 03/01/2011  | Common Stock | 5,515                   |
| RSUP1                                      | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2008   | 03/01/2008  | Common Stock | 4,624.9                 |
| RSUP4                                      | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2009   | 03/01/2009  | Common Stock | 3,977.2                 |
| RSUP6                                      | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2010   | 03/01/2010  | Common Stock | 5,656.1                 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.71   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2004   | 03/01/2013  | Common Stock | 45,000                  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 38.76   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2005   | 03/01/2014  | Common Stock | 48,800                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| VESPOLI LEILA L                |               |           | Sr. Vice Pres & Gen. Counsel |       |

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## 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) This transaction reflects the extension and vesting of phantom stock to retirement or other termination of employment under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.  
(3) 1 for 1  
(4) Of this total, 4596 of these shares are vested (i.e., non-forfeited) immediately; 919 of these shares become vested (i.e., non-forfeited) on 3/1/2011.

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