

Jamshidi Ali  
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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 \*  
 Jamshidi Ali

(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)  
 10/12/2004

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 Pres & Chief Info Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/12/2004                           |  | J(1)                           | V 0.49 A \$ 41.01   | 103.916   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,564.1998  | 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 Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 19.31   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2004   | 03/01/2010  | Common Stock | 4,000                |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 27.75   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/22/2004   | 11/22/2010  | Common Stock | 2,000                |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/16/2005   | 05/16/2011  | Common Stock | 6,000                |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.71   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2004   | 03/01/2013  | Common Stock | 15,700               |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 34.45   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/01/2003   | 04/01/2012  | Common Stock | 12,000               |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 38.76   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2005   | 03/01/2014  | Common Stock | 17,500               |
| Phantom 3/02D                              | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2002   | 03/01/2005  | Common Stock | 204.91               |
| Phantom / Retirement                       | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  | (2)   | Common Stock | 945.26               |
| Phantom 3/03D                              | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2003   | 03/01/2006  | Common Stock | 619.61               |
| Phantom3/04D                               | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2004   | 03/01/2007  | Common Stock | 251.87               |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Jamshidi Ali  
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
AKRON, OH 44308

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Vice Pres & Chief Info Officer

## Signatures

David W.  
Whitehead, POA

10/12/2004

\_\_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).
- (1) Shares purchased with cash through automatic withdrawals from pay as part of the FirstEnergy Corp. Stock Investment Plan, which was registered with the SEC on 11/26/1997.
  - (2) The exerciseable and expiration dates of phantom stock in the retirement account vests upon "retirement" or "other termination of employment" as defined under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.

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