

ALEXANDER ANTHONY J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 ALEXANDER ANTHONY J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/25/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Pres. & Chief Exec. Officer

AKRON, OH 44308  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/25/2005		A	13,225.584 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 39.535	77,413.327	D
Common Stock	02/25/2005		D	13,225.584 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 39.535	64,187.743	D
Common Stock						16,282.9681	I by Savings Plan Trust

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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
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.75					11/22/2004	11/22/2010	Common Stock	80,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.5					05/16/2005	05/16/2011	Common Stock	120,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.71					03/01/2004	03/03/2013	Common Stock	160,900
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.45					04/01/2003	04/01/2012	Common Stock	120,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76					03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock	257,100
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	13,496.74

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ALEXANDER ANTHONY J  
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
AKRON, OH 44308

Pres. & Chief Exec. Officer

## Signatures

David W.  
Whitehead, POA

02/28/2005

       \*\*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) These performances shares paid out in cash, per the vesting and payout date approved by the Compensation Committee. The performance shares were not required to be reported at date of grant because the vesting is based in part on factors other than stock price.
  - (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.

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