

WELSH THOMAS M  
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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 \*  
**WELSH THOMAS M**

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**

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President

(Street)  
**AKRON, OH 44308**

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	02/25/2005		A	(A) V Amount 914.619 (1) D) Price \$ 39.535	914.619	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2005		D	(A) V Amount 914.619 (1) D) Price \$ 39.535	0	D	
Common Stock					2,881.4118	I	Savings Plan
Common Stock					1.01	I	By Thomas Welsh (Son)
					1.01	I	

Common  
StockBy Jeff  
Welsh  
(Son)

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)	Amount Number of Shares
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.75							11/22/2004	11/22/2010	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.5							05/16/2005	05/16/2011	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.71							03/01/2004	03/01/2013	Common Stock	11,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.45							04/01/2004	04/01/2012	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76							03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock	15,000
Phantom 3/05D	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/25/2005		A		1,097.543 <sup>(3)</sup>		02/25/2005	03/01/2008	Common Stock	1,097

