

SCHNEIDER DONALD R  
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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 \*  
SCHNEIDER DONALD R

(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)  
02/25/2005

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 President

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

**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)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/25/2005		A	1,951.119 (1) \$ 39.535	2,448.049	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2005		D	1,951.119 (1) \$ 39.535	496.93	D	
Common Stock					3,079.3417	I	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.75							11/22/2004	11/22/2010	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.5							05/16/2005	05/16/2011	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.71							03/01/2004	03/01/2013	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.45							04/01/2003	04/01/2012	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76							03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock
Phantom 3/02D	\$ 1							03/01/2002	03/01/2005	Common Stock
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1							<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock
Phantom3/04D	\$ 1							03/01/2004	03/01/2007	Common Stock
Phantom 3/05D	\$ 1 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/25/2005		A	2,341,343	<u>(4)</u>		02/25/2005	03/01/2008	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHNEIDER DONALD R 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308			Vice President	

## 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 performance 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.
- (3) 1 for 1
- (4) 1,951.119 shares are vested (i.e. non-forfeited). 390.2238 shares become vested (i.e. non-forfeited) on 3/1/2008.

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