FIRSTENERGY CORP

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Byrd William D Issuer Symbol FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify **76 SOUTH MAIN STREET** 02/22/2008 below) below) Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting AKRON, OH 44308 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 1,065.539 02/22/2008 A 1,065.539 D Stock (1) 72.91 Common 1,065.539 02/22/2008 D D 0 D (1) 72.91 Stock By Common 3,579.9997 I Savings

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivation Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	of	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
Phantom 3/05D	\$ 1						02/25/2005	03/01/2008	Common Stock	2,005.856
Phantom 3/06D	\$ 1						03/02/2006	03/02/2009	Common Stock	2,023.416
Phantom 3/07D	\$ 1						03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	2,465.174
Phantom 3/08D	\$ 1 <u>(2)</u>	02/22/2008		A	1,314 (3)		03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	1,314
RSUD2	\$ 1						03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	659.923
RSUD5	\$ 1						03/01/2011	03/01/2011	Common Stock	207.983
RSUD7	\$ 1						03/01/2012	03/01/2012	Common Stock	288.406
RSUP1	\$ 1						03/01/2008	03/01/2008	Common Stock	1,002.176
RSUP4	\$ 1						03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock	842.489
RSUP6	\$ 1						03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	698.77
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76						03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock	5,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Byrd William D 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308

Vice President

Signatures

Edward J. Udovich, POA 02/22/2008

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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%.
- Of this total, 1094 of these shares are vested (i.e., non-forfeited) immediately; 219 of these shares become vested (i.e., non-forfeited) on 3/1/2011.
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