

ALEXANDER ANTHONY J
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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)

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

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

76 SOUTH MAIN STREET

03/03/2008

Pres. & Chief Exec. Officer

(Street)

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

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AKRON, OH 44308

(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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/03/2008		A		\$ 26,722 ⁽¹⁾ 68.52	A	197,945 D
Common Stock	03/03/2008		M		\$ 39,295.466 ⁽¹⁾ 68.52	A	237,240.466 D
Common Stock	03/03/2008		F		\$ 35,677 ⁽¹⁾ 68.52	D	201,563.466 D
Common Stock					18,374.862	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)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1							(2)	(2)	Common Stock
Phantom 3/07D	\$ 1							03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock
Phantom 3/08D	\$ 1							03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock
RSUP1	\$ 1	03/03/2008		M		39,295.466		03/01/2008	03/01/2008	Common Stock
RSUP10	\$ 1 ⁽³⁾	03/03/2008	03/03/2008	A		32,210 ⁽⁴⁾		03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Common Stock
RSUP4	\$ 1							03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock
RSUP6	\$ 1							03/01/2010	03/01/2010	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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			Pres. & Chief Exec. Officer	

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Signatures

Edward J.
Udovich, POA

03/04/2008

 **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).
- (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.

On February 19, 2008 the Board approved a March 3, 2008 performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant to Mr. Alexander in the amount of 42,946 shares, of which 75% or 32,210 shares will be payable on March 3, 2011. 10,736 shares are subject to forfeiture if the performance goals are not met. The full grant can be adjusted upward by an additional 25% if the 3-year goals are achieved.
- (3) 1 for 1

The RSUP1 award listed in Table II has been reported at 75% of the original grant amount, as that represents the minimum amount guaranteed to be paid out upon vesting. Because of performance targets achieved, the award was paid out on March 3, 2008, at a performance-adjusted rate of 125%. The shares coded "A" represent that portion attributable to this performance adjustment. The shares coded "F" were sold to cover income tax obligations associated with the payout.

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