

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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SCHNEIDER DONALD R

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)  
03/03/2008

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

AKRON, OH 44308

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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	03/03/2008	03/03/2008	M	4,725	A \$ 38.76 22,254	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2008		A	1,750 <sup>(1)</sup>	A \$ 68.52 24,004	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2008		M	2,572.225 <sup>(1)</sup>	A \$ 68.52 26,576.225	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2008	03/03/2008	S	4,725 <sup>(2)</sup>	D \$ 66.44 21,851.225	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2008		F	2,019 <sup>(1)</sup>	D \$ 68.52 19,832.225	D	

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Common Stock    03/03/2008    03/03/2008    S    122,145<sup>(2)</sup>    D    \$ 66.8 0    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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/03/2008		A	6,039.168 <sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock
Phantom 3/05D	\$ 1	03/03/2008		M	6,039.168	02/25/2008    03/01/2008	Common Stock
Phantom 3/06D	\$ 1					03/02/2006    03/02/2009	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
RSUD2	\$ 1					03/01/2010    03/01/2010	Common Stock
RSUD5	\$ 1					03/01/2011    03/01/2011	Common Stock
RSUP1	\$ 1	03/03/2008		M	2,572.225	03/01/2008    03/01/2008	Common Stock
RSUP10	\$ 1 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/03/2008	03/03/2008	A	4,783 <sup>(6)</sup>	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	\$ 38.76	03/03/2008	03/03/2008	M	4,725	03/01/2008    03/01/2014	Common Stock

buy)

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Edward J.  
Udovich, POA 03/05/2008

\*\*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).
- (5) This transaction reflects the extension and vesting of phantom stock to retirement or other termination of employment under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.
- (2) This transaction was performed in accordance with directives set forth in a 10b5-1 Plan signed by Donald Schneider on 4/4/2007.
- (7) This stock option was exercised in accordance with a 10b5-1 Plan signed by Donald Schneider on 6/21/2005.
- (6) On February 19, 2008 the Board approved a March 3, 2008 performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant to Mr. Schneider in the amount of 6,377 shares, of which 75% or 4,783 shares will be payable on March 3, 2011. 1,594 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
- (4) These transactions reflect the extension of the expiration date of phantom stock from 3/1/2008 to "retirement" under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee and reflect the movement of stock from the Phantom 3/05 account to the "retirement" account.
- (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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