

FIRSTENERGY CORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**WELSH THOMAS M**

(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)  
**02/20/2009**

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)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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                    | 02/20/2009                           |  | A                              | V   | 2,479.126<br>(1)<br>\$ 52.03  | A  | 14,130.803  | D |                       |
| Common Stock                    | 02/20/2009                           |  | D                              |   | 2,479.126<br>(1)<br>\$ 52.03  | D  | 11,651.677  | D |                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 1   | I | By Jeff Welsh (son)   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 1   | I | By Thomas Welsh (son) |

Common Stock 1,310.842 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Phantom / Retirement                       | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>                            | Common Stock 588.063  |
| Phantom 3/06d                              | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/02/2006 03/02/2009                                    | Common Stock 1,282.462  |
| Phantom 3/07d                              | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2007 03/01/2010                                    | Common Stock 363.4  |
| Rsup10                                     | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/03/2011 03/03/2011                                    | Common Stock 1,557  |
| Rsup4                                      | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2009 03/01/2009                                    | Common Stock 1,406.609  |
| Rsup6                                      | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2010 03/01/2010                                    | Common Stock 1,619  |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WELSH THOMAS M  
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
AKRON, OH 44308

Senior Vice President

## Signatures

Edward J.  
Udovich, POA

02/23/2009

\*\*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).

On February 17, 2009, the Board authorized the cash payout of the 2006 grant of performance shares, no earlier than February 20, 2009,

- (1) based on the average high and low prices of FirstEnergy's stock on each trading date during the month of December, 2008. Based on performance, the amount of the cash payout was increased by 45.6%.
- (2) 1 for 1
- (3) This transaction reflects the extension and vesting of phantom stock to retirement or other termination of employment under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.

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