

WELSH THOMAS M  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
WELSH THOMAS M

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)  
03/01/2005

\_\_\_\_ 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)

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,923.8443  | I  | Savings Plan  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1.01  | I  | By Thomas Welsh (Son)                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1.01  | I  | By Jeff Welsh (Son)                                   |

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 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 27.75   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 11/22/2004  | 11/22/2010      | Common Stock | 4,000                      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.5  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 05/16/2005  | 05/16/2011      | Common Stock | 10,000                     |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.71   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 03/01/2004  | 03/01/2013      | Common Stock | 11,300                     |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 34.45   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 04/01/2004  | 04/01/2012      | Common Stock | 8,000                      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 38.76   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 03/01/2005  | 03/01/2014      | Common Stock | 15,500                     |
| Phantom 3/05D                              | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 02/25/2005  | 03/01/2008      | Common Stock | 1,097.54                   |
| RSUP1                                      | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 03/01/2005                           |  | A                              |   | 1,490 <sup>(2)</sup>                                     |     | 03/01/2008  | 03/01/2008      | Common Stock | 1,490                      |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Senior Vice President

## Signatures

David W. 03/03/2005  
Whitehead, POA

  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) 1 for 1

The performance based restricted stock units, which were granted March 1, 2005, will earn dividends. The reported number of units (2) reflects 75% of the total amount of units granted, and is the amount the employee is guaranteed to realize. The actual number realized could be 25% higher or 25% lower than the total amount of units granted.

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