

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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GAINES BENNETT L

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
76 S. MAIN ST.  
  
(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)  
02/16/2016

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)  
Sr VP Corp Svcs & CIO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	02/16/2016		A	V Amount 907.3992 (1)	(A) or (D) Price \$ 31.91	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2016		D	D Amount 907.3992 (1)	D Price \$ 31.91	D	
Common Stock					1,668.044 (2)	I	By 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 (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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
RSUP18	(3)	02/16/2016		A	7,389 (4)	03/01/2016 03/01/2016	Common Stock	7,389

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GAINES BENNETT L 76 S. MAIN ST. AKRON, OH 44308			Sr VP Corp Svcs & CIO	

## Signatures

Jennifer L. Geyer, attorney-in-fact 02/18/2016

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) The Board authorized the cash payout of the 2013 - 2015 cycle of performance shares, no earlier than February 18, 2016, based on the high and low prices of FirstEnergy's stock for the month of December 2015. Based on performance, the amount of the cash payout was decreased to 25% of the original award amount.
- (2) FE's 401(k) Plan includes a unitized fund invested in FE stock, in which the reporting person may invest, and includes dividend reinvestment and company match features. The number of shares reported as indirectly held in the 401(k) Plan in this row is an estimate of the number of shares of FE's common stock held in the unitized stock fund and allocated to the reporting person's account as of December 31, 2015.
- (3) 1 for 1
- (4) The RSUP18 award was granted on March 8, 2013. Fifty percent of the target amount of the RSUP18 award will vest upon the satisfaction of service requirements, regardless of the achievement of performance goals, and was previously reported in connection with the granting of the award. Due to performance goals achieved, the number of RSUs under the award has been increased to 150% of the original target amount. Restricted stock units, coded "A", represent that portion of the award that was not previously reported. Amounts

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also reflect dividend reinvestment. RSUP18 will vest on March 1, 2016.

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