

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 \*  
**VESPOLI LEILA L**

(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)  
**Exec. Vice Pres & Gen. Counsel**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Amount (1) 7,685.291	(A) or (D) Price \$ 52.03	D	
Common Stock	02/20/2009		D	(1) 7,685.291	\$ 52.03	D	
Common Stock					1,966.0795	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 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	9,961.132
Phantom 3/05d Retirement	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>					<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	983.247
Phantom 3/07d	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>					03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	5,696.385
Phantom 3/08d	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>					03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	5,673.695
Rsup10	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>					03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Common Stock	6,152
Rsup4	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>					03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock	4,107
Rsup6	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>					03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	5,840
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.71					03/01/2004	03/01/2013	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.76					03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock	48,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

VESPOLI LEILA L  
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
AKRON, OH 44308

Exec. Vice Pres & Gen. Counsel

## 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.

These transactions reflect the extension of the expiration date of phantom stock from 3/1/2005 to "retirement" or "other termination of employment" under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee, and reflects the stock moving to the "retirement" account from the Phantom 3/02D.

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