

FIRSTENERGY CORP  
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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 \*

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)

02/22/2008

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. 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	02/22/2008		A	V	4,472.634 (1)	A	
Common Stock	02/22/2008		D		4,472.634 (1)	D	
Common Stock					3,689.607	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 Number of Shares
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	9,641.8
Phantom 3/05D	\$ 1					02/25/2005	03/01/2008	Common Stock	951.72
Phantom 3/07D	\$ 1					03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	5,513.7
Phantom 3/08D	\$ 1 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/22/2008		A	5,515 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	5,515
RSUP1	\$ 1					03/01/2008	03/01/2008	Common Stock	4,624.9
RSUP4	\$ 1					03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock	3,977.2
RSUP6	\$ 1					03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	5,656.1
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			Sr. Vice Pres & Gen. Counsel	

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AKRON, OH 44308

## Signatures

Edward J.  
Udovich, POA

02/22/2008

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).
- On February 18, 2008, the Board authorized the cash payout of the 2005 grant of performance shares, no earlier than February 22, 2008,
- (1) based on the average of the high and low prices of FirstEnergy's stock on December 31, 2007. Based on performance, the amount of the cash payout was increased by 50%.
  - (2) This transaction reflects the extension and vesting of phantom stock to retirement or other termination of employment under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.
  - (3) 1 for 1
  - (4) Of this total, 4596 of these shares are vested (i.e., non-forfeited) immediately; 919 of these shares become vested (i.e., non-forfeited) on 3/1/2011.

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