

MARSH RICHARD H  
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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 \*  
**MARSH RICHARD H**

(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)  
05/11/2005

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. & Chief Fin. Of

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/11/2005                           |  | M                              | 10,000 A \$ 27.75   | 11,136.258  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/11/2005                           |  | S                              | 10,000 D \$ 44  | 1,136.258   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,613.3023  | I  | By Savings Plan Trust                      |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |        |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|--------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 27.75   | 05/11/2005                           |  | M                              | 10,000<br>(1)   | 11/22/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 11/22/2010  | Common Stock | 1      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/16/2005   | 05/16/2011  | Common Stock | 4      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.71   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2004   | 03/01/2013  | Common Stock | 4      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 34.45   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/01/2003   | 04/01/2012  | Common Stock | 3      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 38.76   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2005   | 03/01/2014  | Common Stock | 5      |
| Phantom / Retirement                       | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(2)</sup>   | <sup>(2)</sup>  | Common Stock | 5,3    |
| Phantom 3/03D                              | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/03/2003   | 03/01/2006  | Common Stock | 7,2    |
| Phantom 3/05D                              | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/25/2005   | 03/01/2008  | Common Stock | 3,7    |
| RSUP1                                      | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2008   | 03/01/2008  | Common Stock | 3      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| MARSH RICHARD H<br>76 SOUTH MAIN STREET<br>AKRON, OH 44308 |               |           | Sr. Vice Pres. & Chief Fin. Of |       |

## Signatures

David W.  
Whitehead, POA

05/12/2005

\_\_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) This transaction was exercised in accordance with Mr. Marsh's 10b5-1 Sale Plan, which was entered into on April 1, 2004
- (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.

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