

FIRSTENERGY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Murray James M

(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)  
03/16/2006

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)

President Ohio Operations

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price                                         |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2006                           |                                                    | M                              | 2,800 A \$ 29.71                                                  | 8,787.741                                                                                     | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2006                           |                                                    | S                              | 2,800 D \$ 51.89                                                  | 5,987.741                                                                                     | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2006                           |                                                    | M                              | 2,425 A \$ 38.76                                                  | 8,412.741                                                                                     | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2006                           |                                                    | S                              | 2,425 D \$ 51.89                                                  | 5,987.741                                                                                     | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 3,635.621                                                                                     | I                                                        | By State Street                   |

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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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                          | Title        |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.71                                               | 03/16/2006                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                                         | 2,800                                                    | 03/01/2004 03/01/2013                    | Common Stock |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 34.45                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | 04/01/2003 04/01/2016                    | Common Stock |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 38.76                                               | 03/16/2006                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                                         | 2,425                                                    | 03/01/2005 03/01/2014                    | Common Stock |
| Phantom / Retirement                       | \$ 1                                                   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | (1) (1)                                  | Common Stock |
| Phantom3/04D                               | \$ 1                                                   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | 03/12/2005 03/01/2007                    | Common Stock |
| Phantom 3/05D                              | \$ 1                                                   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | 02/25/2005 03/01/2008                    | Common Stock |
| RSUP1                                      | \$ 1                                                   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | 03/01/2008 03/01/2008                    | Common Stock |
| RSUP4                                      | \$ 1                                                   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          | 03/01/2009 03/01/2009                    | Common Stock |
| Phantom 3/06D                              | \$ 1 <sup>(3)</sup>                                    | 03/16/2006                           | 03/10/2006                                         | A                              |                                                                                         | 778,736 <sub>(4)</sub>                                   | 03/01/2006 03/01/2009                    | Common Stock |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|                                                           | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| Murray James M<br>76 SOUTH MAIN STREET<br>AKRON, OH 44308 |               |           | President Ohio Operations |       |

## Signatures

David W.  
Whitehead, POA

03/16/2006

\_\_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 reflects the extension and vesting of phantom stock to "retirement" or " other termination of employment" under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.
- (2) Per M. Klaben e-mail dated March 2, 2005, dividend equivalent exempt per Rule 16a-11.
- (3) 1 for 1
- (4) Due to a computer glitch this was inadvertently left off the report we received from MBenefits. New report on 3/10/05 showed the deferral.

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