WELSH THOMAS M

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WELSH THOMAS M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]				ing	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)					
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 03/17/2009					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
AKRON, OH 44308								Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	r) Executio any	med n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	spose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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	03/17/2009			F	233 (1)	D	\$ 36.937	7,457.286	D		
Common Stock								1	I	By Jeff Welsh (son)	
Common								1	I	By Thomas	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Welsh (son)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		te e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1 <u>(2)</u>					<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	1,887.063
Phantom 3/07d	\$ 1 <u>(2)</u>					03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	363.4
Rsup10	\$ 1 <u>(2)</u>					03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Common Stock	1,557
Rsup12	\$ 1 <u>(2)</u>					03/02/2012	03/02/2012	Common Stock	1,402
Rsup6	\$ 1 <u>(2)</u>					03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	1,619

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Nebul Hilly Owner Maine / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WELSH THOMAS M 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308

Senior Vice President

Signatures

Edward J. Udovich, POA 03/19/2009

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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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 was an additional sale of shares required for taxes for the vesting of Mr. Welsh's restricted stock award on March 2, 2009.
- **(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.

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