

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 \*  
**WELSH THOMAS 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)  
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)  
Senior Vice President

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/22/2008		A	V	2,967.725 (1)	A	
Common Stock	02/22/2008		D		2,967.725 (1)	D	
Common Stock					1.01	I	By Jeff Welsh (Son)
Common Stock					1.01	I	By Thomas Welsh (Son)

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Common Stock 5,031.103 I 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom 3/05D	\$ 1					02/25/2005 03/01/2008	Common Stock	569.211
Phantom 3/06D	\$ 1					03/02/2006 03/02/2009	Common Stock	1,241.348
Phantom 3/07D	\$ 1					03/01/2007 03/01/2010	Common Stock	351.751
RSUP1	\$ 1					03/01/2008 03/01/2008	Common Stock	1,627.409
RSUP4	\$ 1					03/01/2009 03/01/2009	Common Stock	1,381.377
RSUP6	\$ 1					03/01/2010 03/01/2010	Common Stock	1,568.589
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76					03/01/2005 03/01/2014	Common Stock	3,875

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

WELSH THOMAS M  
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
AKRON, OH 44308

Senior Vice President

## 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%.

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