

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**

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 \*  
**LEIDICH GARY R**

(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)  
**02/20/2009**

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)  
**Exec. VP & Pres FE Generation**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/20/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 441.284<br><u>(1)</u>   | A  | \$ 52.03 58,951.947 D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/20/2009                           |  | D                              |   | 441.284<br><u>(1)</u>   | D  | \$ 52.03 58,510.663 D                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | 10.984 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 3/09D                              | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | 02/20/2009                           |  | A                              | 8,491 <sup>(3)</sup>  | 03/01/2009   | 03/01/2012  | Common Stock | 8,491                   |
| Phantom 3/05d Retirement                   | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(4)</sup>   | <sup>(4)</sup>  | Common Stock | 8,599.                  |
| Phantom 3/06d                              | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/02/2006   | 03/02/2009  | Common Stock | 9,505.                  |
| Phantom 3/07d                              | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2007   | 03/01/2010  | Common Stock | 15,996                  |
| Phantom 3/08d                              | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2008   | 03/01/2011  | Common Stock | 13,389                  |
| Rsup10                                     | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/03/2011   | 03/03/2011  | Common Stock | 10,2                    |
| Rsup4                                      | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2009   | 03/01/2009  | Common Stock | 3,93                    |
| Rsup6                                      | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2010   | 03/01/2010  | Common Stock | 10,1                    |
| Rsup8                                      | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 06/30/2010   | 06/30/2010  | Common Stock | 18,8                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| LEIDICH GARY R<br>76 SOUTH MAIN STREET<br>AKRON, OH 44308 |               |           | Exec. VP & Pres FE Generation |       |

## Signatures

Edward J.  
Udovich, POA

02/23/2009

\*\*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 17, 2009, the Board authorized the cash payout of the 2006 grant of performance shares, no earlier than February 20, 2009,
- (1) based on the average high and low prices of FirstEnergy's stock on each trading date during the month of December, 2008. Based on performance, the amount of the cash payout was increased by 45.6%.
  - (2) 1 for 1
  - (3) Of this total, 7,076 shares are vested (i.e., non-forfeited) immediately; 1,415 shares become vested (i.e., non-forfeited) on 3/1/2012.
  - (4) These transactions reflect the extension of the expiration date of phantom stock from 3/1/2008 to "retirement" under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee and reflect the movement of stock from the Phantom 3/05 account to the "retirement" account.

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