

MARSH RICHARD H  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
**02/25/2005**

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)  
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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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/25/2005		A		5,278.855 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 39.535
Common Stock	02/25/2005		D		5,278.855 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 39.535
Common Stock						I	4,511.5406

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 Am Nur Sha
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.75					11/22/2004 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 3/02D	\$ 1					03/01/2002 03/01/2005	Common Stock 2,8
Phantom 3/02D	\$ 1					03/01/2004 03/01/2007	Common Stock
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1					(2) (2)	Common Stock 2,
Phantom 3/03D	\$ 1					03/03/2003 03/01/2006	Common Stock 7,2
Phantom 3/05D	\$ 1 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/25/2005		A	6,334.626 <sub>(4)</sub>	02/25/2005 03/01/2008	Common Stock 6,

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

David W.                                  02/28/2005  
Whitehead, POA

\_\_Signature of Reporting                  Date  
Person

## 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) These performances shares paid out in cash, per the vesting and payout date approved by the Compensation Committee. The performance shares were not required to be reported at date of grant because the vesting is based in part on factors other than stock price.
- (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.
- (3) 1 for 1
- (4) 5,278.855 shares are vested (i.e. non-forfeited) immediately. 1,055.771 shares become vested (i.e. non-forfeited) on 3/1/2008.

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