

VESPOLI LEILA L  
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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 \*

VESPOLI LEILA L

(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)

03/01/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Sr. Vice Pres & Gen. Counsel

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	03/01/2005		M		10,000	A	\$ 19.3125
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		10,000	D	\$ 41.49
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		5,000	A	\$ 27.75
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		5,000	D	\$ 41.49
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		6,000	A	\$ 24.2813

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Common Stock	03/01/2005	S	6,000	D	\$ 41.49	4,511.3759	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005	A	<u>50,000</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 41.42	54,511.3759	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005	M	360.002	A	\$ 1	54,871.3779	D	
Common Stock						3,806.831	I	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 Underlying (Instr. 3)
					V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.3125	03/01/2005		M		10,000	03/01/2004	03/01/2010	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 24.2813	03/01/2005		M		6,000	02/13/2002	11/17/2005	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.75	03/01/2005		M		5,000	11/22/2004	11/22/2010	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.5						05/16/2005	05/16/2011	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.71						03/01/2004	03/01/2013	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.45						04/01/2003	04/01/2012	Common Stock
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76						03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock
Phantom 3/02D	\$ 1	03/01/2005		M		360.002	03/01/2002	03/01/2005	Common Stock
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/01/2005		A		360.002	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock

Phantom 3/03D	\$ 1				03/01/2003	03/01/2006	Comm Stoc
Phantom3/04D	\$ 1				03/01/2004	03/01/2007	Comm Stoc
RSUP1	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/01/2005		A	4,233 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/01/2008	03/01/2008 Comm Stoc

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VESPOLI LEILA L 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308			Sr. Vice Pres & Gen. Counsel	

## Signatures

David W.  
Whitehead, POA

03/03/2005

\*\*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 restricted stock was issued on 3/1/2005. 50% of this restricted stock vests in 5 years, and 50% 5 years thereafter.
- (2) 1 for 1
- (3) These transactions reflect the extension of the expiration date of phantom stock from 3/1/2005 to "retirement" or "other termination of employment" under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee, and reflects the stock moving to the "retirement" account from the Phantom 3/02D.
- (4) The performance based restricted stock units, which were granted March 1, 2005, will earn dividends. The reported number of units reflects 75% of the total amount of units granted, and is the amount the employee is guaranteed to realize. The actual number realized could be 25% higher or 25% lower than the total amount of units granted.

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