

WELSH THOMAS M
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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 *
WELSH THOMAS M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/02/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

(Street)
AKRON, OH 44308

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2009 | | C | 1,406.609 (2) A \$ 42.53 | 13,058.286 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2009 | | A | 966 (2) A \$ 42.53 | 14,024.286 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2009 | | F | 1,175 (2) D \$ 42.53 | 12,849.286 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2009 | | F | 5,159 (3) D \$ 42.53 | 7,690.286 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2009 | | S | 1,347.4967 (4) D \$ 40.52 | 0 | I | Savings Plan |

| | | | |
|--------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| Common Stock | 1 | I | By Jeff Welsh (son) |
| Common Stock | 1 | I | By Thomas Welsh (son) |

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Rsup4 | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2009 | | C | 1,406.609 ₍₂₎ | 03/01/2009 03/01/2009 | Common Stock |
| Phantom 3/06d | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2009 | | C | 1,299 ⁽⁶⁾ | 03/02/2006 03/02/2009 | Common Stock |
| Phantom / Retirement | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2009 | | C | 1,299 ₍₆₎ | ₍₅₎ ₍₅₎ | Common Stock |
| RSUP12 | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2009 | | A | 1,402 ₍₇₎ | 03/02/2012 03/02/2012 | Common Stock |
| Phantom 3/07d | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 03/01/2007 03/01/2010 | Common Stock |
| Rsup10 | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 03/03/2011 03/03/2011 | Common Stock |
| Rsup6 | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 03/01/2010 03/01/2010 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| | | | Senior Vice President | |

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Signatures

Edward J.
Udovich, POA

03/04/2009

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).

(1) 1 for 1

The RSUP4 award listed in Table II has been reported at 75% of the original grant amount, as that represents the minimum amount guaranteed to be paid out upon vesting. Because of performance targets achieved, the award was paid out on March 2, 2009, at a performance-adjusted rate of 125%. The shares coded "A" represent that portion attributable to this performance adjustment. The shares coded "F" were sold to cover income tax obligations associated with the payout.

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(3) This transaction reflects the sale of shares for taxes associated with the lapse of restricted stock, in accordance with a 10b5-1 Plan signed by Thomas M. Welsh on May 30, 2007.

(4) This transaction was performed in accordance with a 10b5-1 Plan signed by Thomas M. Welsh on 5/30/2007.

(5) This transaction reflects the extension and vesting of phantom stock to retirement or other termination of employment under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.

(6) These transactions reflect the extension of the expiration date of phantom stock from 3/1/2009 to "retirement" under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee and reflect the movement of stock from the Phantom 3/06D account to the "retirement" account.

(7) On February 17, 2009, the Board approved a March 2, 2009 performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant to Mr. Welsh in the amount of 2,804 shares, of which 50% or 1,402 shares will be payable on March 2, 2012. Of these shares, 1,402 shares are subject to forfeiture if the performance goals are not met. The full grant can be adjusted upward by an additional 50% if the 3-year goals are achieved.

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