

Dowling Michael J
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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 *
 Dowling Michael J

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 ST
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/01/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr VP, External Affairs

AKRON, OH 44308
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2012		C	417 (2) A \$ 44.34	6,267.648	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2012		F	119 (2) D \$ 44.34	6,148.648	D	
Common Stock					1,082.227	I	By Savings Plan

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(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 Shares
Phantom 3/09D	(1)	03/01/2012		C			417 (2)	03/01/2009	03/01/2012	Common Stock	417
Phantom 3/12d	(1)	03/02/2012		A	296.415 (3)			03/01/2012	03/01/2015	Common Stock	296.4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dowling Michael J 76 SOUTH MAIN ST AKRON, OH 44308			Sr VP, External Affairs	

Signatures

Edward J. Udovich, POA
03/05/2012
**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
- (2) These transactions reflect the conversion of stock originally deferred for three years, and held in the Phantom 3/09D account, to directly held common stock. Shares were withheld to cover income tax obligations.
- (3) These shares represent the STIP deferred for 2012.

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