

VESPOLI LEILA L
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FORM 4

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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)

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 & 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2005 | | A | 4,611.563 (1) \$ 39.535 | 8,987.805 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2005 | | D | 4,611.563 (1) \$ 39.535 | 4,376.242 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,740.6755 | 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 and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 19.3125 | | | | | 03/01/2004 | 03/01/2010 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 24.2813 | | | | | 02/13/2002 | 11/17/2005 | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 27.75 | | | | | 11/22/2004 | 11/22/2010 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 29.5 | | | | | 05/16/2005 | 05/16/2011 | Common Stock | 40,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 29.71 | | | | | 03/01/2004 | 03/01/2013 | Common Stock | 45,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 34.45 | | | | | 04/01/2003 | 04/01/2012 | Common Stock | 35,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 38.76 | | | | | 03/01/2005 | 03/01/2014 | Common Stock | 48,800 |
| Phantom 3/02D | \$ 1 | | | | | 03/01/2002 | 03/01/2005 | Common Stock | 356,200 |
| Phantom / Retirement | \$ 1 | | | | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 4,395 |
| Phantom 3/03D | \$ 1 | | | | | 03/01/2003 | 03/01/2006 | Common Stock | 1,820,000 |
| Phantom3/04D | \$ 1 | | | | | 03/01/2004 | 03/01/2007 | Common Stock | 2,995,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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AKRON, OH 44308

Sr. Vice Pres & Gen. Counsel

Signatures

David W. 02/28/2005
Whitehead, POA
**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) 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.

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