

FIRSTENERGY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Byrd William D

(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)  
12/28/2007

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)  
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/28/2007                           |  | M                              |   | 3,125 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A  | \$ 29.71 3,748 D                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 12/28/2007                           |  | S                              |   | 623 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  | \$ 73.3617 3,125 D                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 12/28/2007                           |  | S                              |   | 3,125 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  | \$ 73.426 0 D   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/28/2007                           |  | S                              |   | 3,411.0103 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  | \$ 74.12 3,579.9997 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 |                    |                      | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | Acquired (A)                       | or Disposed of (D) | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom 3/05D                              | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |                                    |                    |                      | 02/25/2005   | 03/01/2008      | Common Stock  | 1,991.33                   |
| Phantom 3/06D                              | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |                                    |                    |                      | 03/02/2006   | 03/02/2009      | Common Stock  | 2,008.77                   |
| Phantom 3/07D                              | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |                                    |                    |                      | 03/01/2007   | 03/01/2010      | Common Stock  | 2,447.33                   |
| RSUD2                                      | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |                                    |                    |                      | 03/01/2010   | 03/01/2010      | Common Stock  | 655.251                    |
| RSUD5                                      | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |                                    |                    |                      | 03/01/2011   | 03/01/2011      | Common Stock  | 206.511                    |
| RSUD7                                      | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |                                    |                    |                      | 03/01/2012   | 03/01/2012      | Common Stock  | 286.364                    |
| RSUP1                                      | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |                                    |                    |                      | 03/01/2008   | 03/01/2008      | Common Stock  | 995.081                    |
| RSUP4                                      | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |                                    |                    |                      | 03/01/2009   | 03/01/2009      | Common Stock  | 836.525                    |
| RSUP6                                      | \$ 1   |                                      |  |                                |                                    |                    |                      | 03/01/2010   | 03/01/2010      | Common Stock  | 693.823                    |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 38.76   |                                      |  |                                |                                    |                    |                      | 03/01/2005   | 03/01/2014      | Common Stock  | 5,400                      |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.71   | 12/28/2007                           |  | M                              |                                    | 3,125              |                      | 03/01/2004   | 03/01/2013      | Common Stock  | 3,125                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| Byrd William D<br>76 SOUTH MAIN STREET<br>AKRON, OH 44308 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Jacqueline S.<br>Cooper, POA                   | 12/31/2007          |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

## 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 transaction was performed in accordance with a 10b5-1 Plan signed by William D. Byrd on 11/28/2007.

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