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December 18, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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IN THE MATTER OF  
FIRSTENERGY CORP.

CERTIFICATE  
PURSUANT TO  
RULE 24

File No. 70-10138

(Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935)  
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This Certificate of Notification pursuant to Rule 24 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended (the "Act"), is filed by FirstEnergy Corp. ("FirstEnergy"), a registered holding company, in connection with FirstEnergy's indirect acquisition of a membership interest in PowerTree Carbon Company, LLC ("PowerTree"), a Delaware limited liability company, as authorized by Order of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") dated November 10, 2003, in this proceeding (Holding Co. Act Release No. 27756). FirstEnergy hereby certifies to the Commission pursuant to Rule 24 that FirstEnergy, through its indirect wholly-owned non-utility subsidiary, FirstEnergy Generation Corp., has acquired a membership interest in PowerTree and made its initial capital contribution to PowerTree.

A "past tense" opinion of counsel is filed as Exhibit F hereto.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the undersigned company has duly caused this document to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

FirstEnergy Corporation

By: /s/ Harvey L. Wagner  
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Name: Harvey L. Wagner  
Title: Vice President and  
Controller

Dated: December 18, 2003