

FIRSTENERGY CORP
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
LEIDICH GARY R

(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)
 02/20/2009

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)
 Exec. VP & Pres FE Generation

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/20/2009		A		441.284 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 52.03 58,951.947 D
Common Stock	02/20/2009		D		441.284 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 52.03 58,510.663 D
Common Stock						I	10.984 By Savings Plan

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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 of Shares
Phantom 3/09D	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾	02/20/2009		A	8,491 ⁽³⁾	03/01/2009	03/01/2012	Common Stock	8,491
Phantom 3/05d Retirement	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					⁽⁴⁾	⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	8,599.
Phantom 3/06d	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					03/02/2006	03/02/2009	Common Stock	9,505.
Phantom 3/07d	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	15,996
Phantom 3/08d	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	13,389
Rsup10	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Common Stock	10,2
Rsup4	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock	3,93
Rsup6	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	10,1
Rsup8	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					06/30/2010	06/30/2010	Common Stock	18,8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEIDICH GARY R 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308			Exec. VP & Pres FE Generation	

Signatures

Edward J.
Udovich, POA

02/23/2009

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- On February 17, 2009, the Board authorized the cash payout of the 2006 grant of performance shares, no earlier than February 20, 2009,
- (1) based on the average high and low prices of FirstEnergy's stock on each trading date during the month of December, 2008. Based on performance, the amount of the cash payout was increased by 45.6%.
 - (2) 1 for 1
 - (3) Of this total, 7,076 shares are vested (i.e., non-forfeited) immediately; 1,415 shares become vested (i.e., non-forfeited) on 3/1/2012.
 - (4) These transactions reflect the extension of the expiration date of phantom stock from 3/1/2008 to "retirement" under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee and reflect the movement of stock from the Phantom 3/05 account to the "retirement" account.

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