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May 09, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 8, 2002

| Commission<br>File Number<br>----- | Registrant; State of Incorporation;<br>Address; and Telephone Number<br>-----                                      | I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.<br>----- |
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| 333-21011                          | FIRSTENERGY CORP.<br>(An Ohio Corporation)<br>76 South Main Street<br>Akron, Ohio 44308<br>Telephone (800)736-3402 | 34-1843785                                     |

Item 5. Other Events

On May 8, 2002, FirstEnergy Corp. completed the sale of a 79.9 percent interest in its Avon Energy Partners Holdings subsidiary to Aquila, Inc. (formerly UtiliCorp United) in exchange for a \$150 million payment at closing and six annual payments of \$19 million, guaranteed by Aquila at the holding company level, commencing on the first anniversary of the closing. As previously filed on Form 8-K dated March 18, 2002, Avon's debt of approximately \$1.7 billion, which is non-recourse to FirstEnergy, would no longer be included on FirstEnergy's consolidated balance sheet. Aquila and FirstEnergy together will own all of the outstanding shares of Avon through a jointly owned subsidiary, with each company having a 50-percent voting interest. FirstEnergy's 20.1 percent economic interest in the joint venture will be accounted for under the equity method of accounting.

Item 7. Exhibits

| Exhibit No.<br>----- | Description<br>-----  |
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| 99                   | Press Release of FirstEnergy Corp. announcing the completion to sell 79.9% of Avon Energy Partners Holdings in the United Kingdom to Aquila, Inc. (formerly UtiliCorp United Inc.). |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

May 9, 2002

FIRSTENERGY CORP.  
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Registrant

/s/ Harvey L. Wagner  
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Harvey L. Wagner  
Vice President and Controller