

MARSH RICHARD H  
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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 \*  
MARSH RICHARD H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O FIRSTENERGY CORP, 76  
SOUTH MAIN STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/23/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President & CFO

(Street)  
AKRON, OH 44308

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/23/2004		M		10,000	A	\$ 27.75
Common Stock	11/23/2004		S		10,000	D	\$ 42.89
Common Stock					4,468.2639	I	

By Savings Plan Trust

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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)	\$ 27.75	11/23/2004		D	10,000	11/22/2004	11/22/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Common Stock	\$ 29.5					05/16/2005	05/16/2011	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Options	\$ 29.71					03/01/2004	03/01/2013	Common Stock	47,500
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	51,300
Phantom 3/02D	\$ 1					03/01/2002	03/01/2005	Common Stock	2,876
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1					(1)	(2)	Common Stock	2,844
Phantom 3/03D	\$ 1					03/01/2003	03/01/2006	Common Stock	7,193

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MARSH RICHARD H C/O FIRSTENERGY CORP 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET			Senior Vice President & CFO	

AKRON, OH 44308

## Signatures

David W.

Whitehead

11/23/2004

  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 transactions reflect the extension of the exercisable date and expiration date of phantom stock to "retirement" or "other termination of employment" under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.
- (2) The exercisable and expiration dates of phantom stock in the retirement account vests upon "retirement" or "other termination of employment" as defined under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.

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