

FIRSTENERGY CORP  
Form 4  
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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**

(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)  
**05/18/2005**

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)  
**Sr. Vice Pres. & Chief Fin. Of**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/18/2005		M	20,000	A \$ 29.5	21,136.258	D
Common Stock	05/18/2005		S	20,000	D \$ 44.05	1,136.258	D
Common Stock						4,613.3023	I By Savings Plan Trust

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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.5	05/18/2005		M	20,000 (1)	05/16/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/16/2011	Common Stock	2
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.71					03/01/2004	03/01/2013	Common Stock	4
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.45					04/01/2003	04/01/2012	Common Stock	3
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76					03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock	5
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1					<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock	5,3
Phantom 3/03D	\$ 1					03/03/2003	03/01/2006	Common Stock	7,2
Phantom 3/05D	\$ 1					02/25/2005	03/01/2008	Common Stock	3,7
RSUP1	\$ 1					03/01/2008	03/01/2008	Common Stock	3

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			Sr. Vice Pres. & Chief Fin. Of	

