

Pearson James F  
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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 \*  
Pearson James F

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)  
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/03/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President and Treasurer

AKRON, OH 44308

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

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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/03/2008	03/03/2008	M		2,000 A \$ 38.76	2,000	D
Common Stock	03/03/2008		A		499 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 68.52	2,499	D
Common Stock	03/03/2008		M		732.58 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 68.52	3,231.58	D
Common Stock	03/03/2008	03/03/2008	S		2,000 D \$ 66.4	1,231.58	D
Common Stock	03/03/2008		F		582 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 68.52	649.58	D

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Common Stock	2,100	I	By Mother (Jointly)
Common Stock	4,544.211	I	By Savings Plan

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			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Title
				Code	V	(A)	(D)			Title	Amount
Phantom 3/07D	\$ 1							03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	1,050
Phantom 3/08D	\$ 1							03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	300
RSUD2	\$ 1							03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	395
RSUD5	\$ 1							03/01/2011	03/01/2011	Common Stock	622
RSUP1	\$ 1	03/03/2008		M			732.58	03/01/2008	03/01/2008	Common Stock	732
RSUP10	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/03/2008	03/03/2008	A		1,356	<u>(3)</u>	03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Common Stock	1,356
RSUP4	\$ 1							03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock	1,010
RSUP6	\$ 1							03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	1,220
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76	03/03/2008	03/03/2008	M			2,000	03/01/2008	03/01/2014	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Pearson James F 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308			Vice President and Treasurer	

## Signatures

Edward J. Udovich, POA                      03/04/2008

      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).
- (4) This transaction was performed in accordance with a 10b5-1 Plan signed by James F. Pearson on 5/26/2006.
- (2) 1 for 1
- (3) On February 19, 2008 the Board approved a March 3, 2008 performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant to Mr. Pearson in the amount of 1,807 shares, of which 75% or 1,356 shares will be payable on March 3, 2011. 451 shares are subject to forfeiture if the performance goals are not met. The full grant can be adjusted upward by an additional 25% if the 3-year goals are achieved.
- (1) The RSUP1 award listed in Table II has been reported at 75% of the original grant amount, as that represents the minimum amount guaranteed to be paid out upon vesting. Because of performance targets achieved, the award was paid out on March 3, 2008, at a performance-adjusted rate of 125%. The shares coded "A" represent that portion attributable to this performance adjustment. The shares coded "F" were sold to cover income tax obligations associated with the payout.

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