

LEIDICH GARY R
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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

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/16/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec. VP & Pres FE Generation

(Street)
AKRON, OH 44308

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

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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/16/2009		S	1,676 (1) \$ 37.4837	60,186.663	D	
Common Stock					0	I	By Daughter (anne)
Common Stock					0	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 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 or Number of Shares
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	Common Stock	18,227.34
Phantom 3/07d	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	15,996.21
Phantom 3/08d	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	13,389.96
Phantom 3/09D	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					03/01/2009	03/01/2012	Common Stock	14,268
Rsup10	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Common Stock	10,288
RSUP12	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					03/02/2012	03/02/2012	Common Stock	9,183
Rsup6	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	10,123
Rsup8	\$ 1 ⁽²⁾					06/30/2010	06/30/2010	Common Stock	18,899

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

Edward J.
Udovich, POA

03/17/2009

__Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) This transaction was performed in accordance with a 10b5-1 plan executed by Gary R. Leidich on March 31, 2008.

(2) 1 for 1

(3) 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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