

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 _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President and Treasurer

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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(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 (A) or (D) 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 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 68.52 | 2,499 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2008 | | M | 732.58 ⁽¹⁾ 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 ⁽¹⁾ 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 |

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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 ⁽²⁾ | 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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