

ALEXANDER ANTHONY J
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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 *
 ALEXANDER ANTHONY J

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)
 03/02/2009

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

(Street)
 AKRON, OH 44308

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

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 03/02/2009 | | C | V Amount 38,672.25 (2) | (A) or (D) \$ 42.53 | A | Price 246,456.715 |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2009 | | A | V Amount 26,615 (2) | (A) or (D) \$ 42.53 | A | Price 273,071.715 |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2009 | | F | V Amount 31,604 (2) | (A) or (D) \$ 42.53 | D | Price 241,467.715 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | I | 19,225.81 |

By Savings Plan Trust

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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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Rsup4 | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2009 | | C | 38,672.25 ₍₂₎ | 03/01/2009 03/01/2009 | Common Stock |
| RSUP12 | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2009 | | A | 29,447 ₍₃₎ | 03/02/2012 03/02/2012 | Common Stock |
| Phantom / Retirement | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | ₍₄₎ ₍₄₎ | Common Stock |
| Phantom 3/07d | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 03/01/2007 03/01/2010 | Common Stock |
| Phantom 3/08d | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 03/01/2008 03/01/2011 | Common Stock |
| Rsup10 | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 03/03/2011 03/03/2011 | Common Stock |
| Rsup6 | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 03/01/2010 03/01/2010 | Common Stock |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.76 | | | | | 03/01/2005 03/01/2014 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ALEXANDER ANTHONY J 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308 | | | Pres. & Chief Exec. Officer | |

Signatures

Edward J.
Udovich, POA

03/04/2009

__Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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The RSUP4 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 2, 2009, 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.

(3) On February 17, 2009, the Board approved a March 2, 2009 performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant to Mr. Alexander in the amount of 58,894 shares, of which 50% or 29,447 shares will be payable on March 2, 2012. Of these shares, 29,447 shares are subject to forfeiture if the performance goals are not met. The full grant can be adjusted upward by an additional 50% if the 3-year goals are achieved.

(4) This transaction reflects the extension and vesting of phantom stock to retirement or other termination of employment under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.

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