

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

(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)
03/02/2009

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)
Exec. VP & Pres FE Generation

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/02/2009		C		3,930 ⁽²⁾	A	\$ 42.53
Common Stock	03/02/2009		A		2,705 ⁽²⁾	A	\$ 42.53
Common Stock	03/02/2009		F		3,283 ⁽²⁾	D	\$ 42.53
Common Stock	03/02/2009		S		217,969.3 ⁽³⁾	D	\$ 40.52
Common Stock							0

By Savings Plan
By Daughter

(anne)

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
Rsup4	\$ 1 ⁽¹⁾	03/02/2009		C	3,930 ₍₂₎	03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock	3
Phantom 3/06d	\$ 1 ⁽¹⁾	03/02/2009		C	9,628 ₍₅₎	03/02/2006	03/02/2009	Common Stock	9
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1 ⁽¹⁾	03/02/2009		C	9,628 ₍₅₎	₍₄₎	₍₄₎	Common Stock	9
RSUP12	\$ 1 ⁽¹⁾	03/02/2009		A	9,183 ₍₆₎	03/02/2012	03/02/2012	Common Stock	9
Phantom 3/07d	\$ 1 ⁽¹⁾					03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	15,9
Phantom 3/08d	\$ 1 ⁽¹⁾					03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	13,3
Phantom 3/09D	\$ 1 ⁽¹⁾					03/01/2009	03/01/2012	Common Stock	8
Rsup10	\$ 1 ⁽¹⁾					03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Common Stock	10
Rsup6	\$ 1 ⁽¹⁾					03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	10
Rsup8	\$ 1 ⁽¹⁾					06/30/2010	06/30/2010	Common Stock	10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 1 for 1
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) This transaction was performed in accordance with a 10b5-1 plan executed by Gary R. Leidich on March 31, 2008.
- (4) 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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- (6) On February 17, 2009, the Board approved a March 2, 2009 performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant to Mr. Leidich in the amount of 18,365 shares, of which 50% or 9,183 shares will be payable on March 2, 2012. Of these shares, 9,182 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.

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