

LEIDICH GARY R  
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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 \*  
**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)  
**03/16/2009**

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 (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

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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 <sup>(2)</sup>					<sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	18,227.34
Phantom 3/07d	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>					03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	15,996.21
Phantom 3/08d	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>					03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	13,389.96
Phantom 3/09D	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>					03/01/2009	03/01/2012	Common Stock	14,268
Rsup10	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>					03/03/2011	03/03/2011	Common Stock	10,288
RSUP12	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>					03/02/2012	03/02/2012	Common Stock	9,183
Rsup6	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>					03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	10,123
Rsup8	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>					06/30/2010	06/30/2010	Common Stock	18,899

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

LEIDICH GARY R  
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
AKRON, OH 44308

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Exec. VP & Pres FE Generation

## 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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