

PIPITONE GUY L  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
PIPITONE GUY L

(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)  
02/25/2005

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)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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                    | 02/25/2005                           |  | A                              | V<br>A  | 4,275.33<br>(1)<br>\$ 39.535  | D  |   |
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| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,961.1552  | I  | By Savings Plan Trust                                 |

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) |                         |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----|--|-----------------|---|-------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | V   | (A)                      | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 27.75   |                                      |  |                                |   |                          |     | 11/22/2004   | 11/22/2010      | Common Stock  | 20,000                  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.5  |                                      |  |                                |   |                          |     | 05/16/2005   | 05/16/2011      | Common Stock  | 40,000                  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.71   |                                      |  |                                |   |                          |     | 03/01/2004   | 03/01/2013      | Common Stock  | 41,000                  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.82   |                                      |  |                                |   |                          |     | 06/08/2002   | 06/08/2008      | Common Stock  | 7,000                   |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 29.87   |                                      |  |                                |   |                          |     | 03/01/2003   | 03/01/2009      | Common Stock  | 6,000                   |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 34.45   |                                      |  |                                |   |                          |     | 04/01/2003   | 04/01/2012      | Common Stock  | 35,000                  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 38.76   |                                      |  |                                |   |                          |     | 03/01/2005   | 03/01/2014      | Common Stock  | 34,000                  |
| Phantom 3/05D                              | \$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | 02/25/2005                           |  | A                              |   | 2,565.198 <sup>(3)</sup> |     | 02/25/2005   | 03/01/2008      | Common Stock  | 2,565                   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| PIPITONE GUY L<br>76 SOUTH MAIN STREET<br>AKRON, OH 44308 |               |           | Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

David W.  
Whitehead, POA

02/28/2005

\_\_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) These performances shares paid out in cash, per the vesting and payout date approved by the Compensation Committee. The performance shares were not required to be reported at date of grant because the vesting is based in part on factors other than stock price.
- (2) 1 for 1
- (3) 2,137.665 shares are vested (i.e. non-forfeited) immediately. 427.533 shares become vested (i.e. non-forfeited) 3/1/2008.

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