FIRSTENERGY CORP

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Stock

(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			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2008					(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Pres. & Chief Exec. Officer			
AKRON, O	Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ole I - Non	-Derivative Se	curiti	es Acqui	ired, Disposed of, o	or Beneficially	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities 2 coor Disposed 6 (Instr. 3, 4 an	of (D)	red (A)	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	02/22/2008			A	3,583.369 (1)	A	\$ 72.91	174,806.369	D		
Common Stock	02/22/2008			D	3,583.369 (1)	D	\$ 72.91	171,223	D		

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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	Amoun Number Shares
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1					<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	14,90
Phantom 3/07D	\$ 1					03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	19,51
Phantom 3/08D	\$ 1 <u>(3)</u>	02/22/2008		A	69,219 (4)	03/01/2008	03/01/2011	Common Stock	69,2
RSUP1	\$ 1					03/01/2008	03/01/2008	Common Stock	39,29
RSUP4	\$ 1					03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock	37,44
RSUP6	\$ 1					03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	30,16
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.45					04/01/2003	04/01/2012	Common Stock	90,0
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76					03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock	257,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ALEXANDER ANTHONY J 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308			Pres. & Chief Exec. Officer				

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Edward J. Udovich, POA 02/22/2008

**Signature of Reporting 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).
- On February 18, 2008, the Board authorized the cash payout of the 2005 grant of performance shares, no earlier than February 22, 2008, (1) based on the average of the high and low prices of FirstEnergy's stock on December 31, 2007. Based on performance, the amount of the cash payout was increased by 50%.
- (2) This transaction reflects the extension and vesting of phantom stock to retirement or other termination of employment under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.
- (**3**) 1 for 1
- Of this total, 57,682 of these shares are vested (i.e., non-forfeited) immediately; 11,537 of these shares become vested (i.e., non-forfeited) on 3/1/2011.

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