

WELSH THOMAS M  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
WELSH THOMAS M

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)  
03/01/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

(Street)  
AKRON, OH 44308

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	03/01/2007		M		2,825 (1) A \$ 29.71	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2007		M		3,875 (1) A \$ 38.76	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2007		S		2,825 (1) D \$ 62.0096	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2007		S		3,875 (1) D \$ 62.0096	D	
Common Stock					1.01	I	By Jeff Welsh (Son)

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Common Stock	1.01	I	By Thomas Welsh (Son)
Common Stock	8,205.594	I	Savings Plan

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			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Title
				Code	V	(A)	(D)			Title	Amount
Phantom 3/05D	\$ 1							02/25/2005	03/01/2008	Common Stock	552
Phantom 3/06D	\$ 1							03/02/2006	03/02/2009	Common Stock	1,20
Phantom 3/07D	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/01/2007		A		343.91 <sup>(3)</sup>		03/01/2007	03/01/2010	Common Stock	343
RSUP1	\$ 1							03/01/2008	03/01/2008	Common Stock	1,57
RSUP4	\$ 1							03/01/2009	03/01/2009	Common Stock	1,32
RSUP6	\$ 1 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/01/2007		A		1,534		03/01/2010	03/01/2010	Common Stock	1,5
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.71	03/01/2007		M		2,825		03/01/2004	03/01/2013	Common Stock	2,8
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76	03/01/2007		M		3,875		03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock	3,8

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WELSH THOMAS M 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Edward J. Udovich, POA	03/05/2007
**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).
- (3) This award was based on the average of the daily closing prices of FirstEnergy during the month of February, 2007 - 286.59 of these shares are vested (i.e., non-forfeited) immediately; 57.32 of these shares become vested (i.e., non-forfeited) on 3/1/2010.
- (2) 1 for 1
- (1) This stock option was exercised in accordance with a 10b5-1 Plan signed by Thomas Welsh on 2/20/2006.

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