

SCHNEIDER DONALD R  
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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 \*  
SCHNEIDER DONALD 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)  
Senior Vice President

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                              |   | 2,216 <sup>(2)</sup>  | A  | \$ 42.53  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/02/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 1,525 <sup>(2)</sup>  | A  | \$ 42.53  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/02/2009                           |  | F                              |   | 2,016 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  | \$ 42.53  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/02/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 247.8161 <sup>(3)</sup>   | D  | \$ 40.52  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 0   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 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 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 Number of Shares                               |
| Rsup4                                      | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 03/02/2009                           |  | C                              | 2,216 <sub>(2)</sub>  | 03/01/2009 03/01/2009                                    | Common Stock 2  |
| Phantom / Retirement                       | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 03/02/2009                           |  | C                              | 7,973 <sub>(5)</sub>  | <sub>(4)</sub> <sub>(4)</sub>                            | Common Stock 7  |
| Phantom 3/06d                              | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 03/02/2009                           |  | C                              | 7,973 <sub>(5)</sub>  | 03/02/2006 03/02/2009                                    | Common Stock 7  |
| RSUP12                                     | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 03/02/2009                           |  | A                              | 4,382 <sub>(6)</sub>  | 03/02/2012 03/02/2012                                    | Common Stock 4  |
| Phantom 3/05d Retirement                   | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | <sub>(7)</sub> <sub>(7)</sub>                            | Common Stock 6,50   |
| Phantom 3/07d                              | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2007 03/01/2010                                    | Common Stock 9,78   |
| Phantom 3/08d                              | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2008 03/01/2011                                    | Common Stock 6,45   |
| Rsud2                                      | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2010 03/01/2010                                    | Common Stock 2  |
| Rsud5                                      | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2011 03/01/2011                                    | Common Stock 2  |
| Rsup10                                     | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/03/2011 03/03/2011                                    | Common Stock 4  |
| Rsup6                                      | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2010 03/01/2010                                    | Common Stock 4  |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCHNEIDER DONALD R  
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
AKRON, OH 44308

Senior Vice President

## 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 directives set forth in a 10b5-1 Plan signed by Donald Schneider on 4/4/2007.
  - (4) This transaction reflects the extension and vesting of phantom stock to retirement or other termination of employment under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.  
These transactions reflect the extension of the expiration date of phantom stock from 3/1/2009 to "retirement" under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee and reflect the movement of stock from the Phantom 3/06D account to the "retirement" account.
  - (5) On February 17, 2009, the Board approved a March 2, 2009 performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant to Mr. Schneider in the amount of 8,764 shares, of which 50% or 4,382 shares will be payable on March 2, 2012. Of these shares, 4,382 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.
  - (6) These transactions reflect the extension of the expiration date of phantom stock from 3/1/2005 to "retirement" or "other termination of employment" under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee, and reflects the stock moving to the "retirement" account from the Phantom 3/02D.
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