#### MARSH RICHARD H

Form 4 May 12, 2005

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

MARSH RICHARD H			Symbol FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]					Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2005					Director 10% Owner Y Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  Sr. Vice Pres. & Chief Fin. Of			
				endment, Da nth/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)	Tabl	le I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	er) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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	05/11/2005			M	10,000	A	\$ 27.75	11,136.258	D		
Common Stock	05/11/2005			S	10,000	D	\$ 44	1,136.258	D		
Common Stock								4,613.3023	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orDeriv Secur Acqu	rities ired (A) sposed of . 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Shar
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.75	05/11/2005		M		10,000 (1)	11/22/2004(1)	11/22/2010	Common Stock	1
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.5						05/16/2005	05/16/2011	Common Stock	4
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.71						03/01/2004	03/01/2013	Common Stock	4
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.45						04/01/2003	04/01/2012	Common Stock	3
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76						03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock	5
Phantom / Retirement	\$ 1						(2)	(2)	Common Stock	5,3
Phantom 3/03D	\$ 1						03/03/2003	03/01/2006	Common Stock	7,20
Phantom 3/05D	\$ 1						02/25/2005	03/01/2008	Common Stock	3,7
RSUP1	\$ 1						03/01/2008	03/01/2008	Common Stock	3

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MARSH RICHARD H 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308

Sr. Vice Pres. & Chief Fin. Of

# **Signatures**

David W. Whitehead, POA 05/12/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date
Person

# **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 exercised in accordance with Mr. Marsh's 10b5-1 Sale Plan, which was entered into on April 1, 2004
- (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.

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