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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement FIRSTENERGY CORP [FEC] A Murray James M (Month/Day/Year) 12/26/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) **76 SOUTH MAIN STREET** (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting \_X\_\_ Officer Other Person AKRON, OHÂ 44308 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One **President Ohio Operations** Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 5,381.16 Common Stock 3,603.773 I By State Street Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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(Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5)  Derivative Security:	1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of		6. Nature of Indire Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	ect
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	03/01/2004	01/01/2013	Common Stock	5,600	\$ 29.71	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	04/01/2003	04/01/2016	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 34.45	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	03/01/2005	03/01/2014	Common Stock	7,275	\$ 38.76	D	Â
Phantom / Retirement	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	833.22	\$ 1 <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Phantom 3/03D	03/01/2003	03/01/2006	Common Stock	793.029	\$ 1 <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Phantom 3/04D	03/12/2005	03/01/2007	Common Stock	371.845	\$ 1 <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Phantom 3/05D	02/25/2005	03/01/2008	Common Stock	456.473	\$ 1 <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
RSUP1	03/01/2008	03/01/2008	Common Stock	756.75	\$ 1 <u>(1)</u>	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
<b>F</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Murray James M 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308	Â	Â	President Ohio Operations	Â	

## **Signatures**

David W. 01/05/2006 Whitehead, POA \*\*Signature of Reporting Date

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- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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
- 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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