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# FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **WELSH THOMAS M** Issuer Symbol FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify **76 SOUTH MAIN STREET** 03/01/2007 below) Senior Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

#### AKRON, OH 44308

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(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner							y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (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)
Common Stock	03/01/2007		Code V M	Amount 2,825 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 29.71	13,066.546	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2007		M	3,875 (1)	A	\$ 38.76	16,941.546	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2007		S	2,825 (1)	D	\$ 62.0096	14,116.546	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2007		S	3,875 (1)	D	\$ 62.0096	10,241.546	D	
Common Stock							1.01	I	By Jeff Welsh (Son)

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

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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 on Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Shares
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 <u>(2)</u>	03/01/2007		A	343.91 (3)		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 <u>(2)</u>	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

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# **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. 03/05/2007 Udovich, POA

\*\*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).
- (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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