Dowling Michael J Form 4 March 05, 2012

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Dowling Michael J			Symbol					Issuer			
			FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/D) 76 SOUTH MAIN ST 03/01/20							DirectorX Officer (give below)	e title Other below)	Owner er (specify		
				ndment, Da nth/Day/Year	U	1		Sr VP, External Affairs 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	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution	emed on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d 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	03/01/2012			Code v	417 (2)	` /	\$ 44.34	6,267.648	D		
Common Stock	03/01/2012			F	119 (2)	D	\$ 44.34	6,148.648	D		
Common Stock								1,082.227	I	By 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)	e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour Numbe Shares
Phantom 3/09D	<u>(1)</u>	03/01/2012		C		417 (2)	03/01/2009	03/01/2012	Common Stock	417
Phantom 3/12d	<u>(1)</u>	03/02/2012		A	296.415		03/01/2012	03/01/2015	Common Stock	296.4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dowling Michael J 76 SOUTH MAIN ST AKRON, OH 44308

Sr VP, External Affairs

Signatures

Edward J. 03/05/2012 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).
- **(1)** 1 for 1
- (2) These transactions reflect the conversion of stock originally deferred for three years, and held in the Phantom 3/09D account, to directly held common stock. Shares were withheld to cover income tax obligations.
- (3) These shares represent the STIP deferred for 2012.

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