ALEXANDER ANTHONY J

(Street)

Form 4

November 23, 2004

OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ALEXANDER ANTHONY J 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 C/O FIRSTENERGY CORP, 76 S. 11/23/2004 below) MAIN ST. President & CEO

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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non | -Derivative Securities Acqu | uired, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned | |
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securities Acquired (A) | 5. Amount of | 6. | 7. Nature | |

4. If Amendment, Date Original

| (City) | (State) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--|--|-------------------------|--|--|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3. Transactio | 4. Securiti | | equired (A) | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of Indirect | | |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 | and 5 | 5) | Beneficially | Form: | Beneficial | | |
| C | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 11/23/2004 | | F <u>(1)</u> | 35,214 | D | \$ 42.595 | 64,187.743 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 16,131.1619 | I | by Savings | | |

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. DrNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | e | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 27.75 | | | | | 11/22/2004 | 11/22/2010 | Common Stock | 80,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 29.5 | | | | | 05/16/2005 | 05/16/2011 | Common Stock | 120,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 29.71 | | | | | 03/01/2004 | 03/03/2013 | Common Stock | 160,900 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 34.45 | | | | | 04/01/2003 | 04/01/2012 | Common Stock | 120,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 38.76 | | | | | 03/01/2005 | 03/01/2014 | Common Stock | 257,100 |
| Phantom / Retirement | \$ 1 | | | | | (2) | <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 13,369.756 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Troporous o water runner, radiations | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| ALEXANDER ANTHONY J C/O FIRSTENERGY CORP 76 S. MAIN ST. AKRON, OH 44308 | | | President & CEO | | | | | |

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Signatures

David W. Whitehead

11/23/2004

**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).
- The restrictions lapsed on 70,853 shares of Restricted Stock on November 22, 2004. This transaction reflects the payment of his tax obligation (in shares) in accordance with Mr. Alexander's 10b5-1 Plan.
- These transactions reflect the extention of the exercisable date and expiration of phantom stock to "retirement" or "other termination of employment" under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.
- The exercisable and expiration dates of phantom stock in the retirement account vests upon "retirement" or "other termination of employment" as defined under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.

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