#### FIRSTENERGY CORP

Form 4

December 29, 2004

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* COTTLE WILLIAM T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

C/O FIRSTENERGY CORP., 76. S.

(Street)

MAIN ST.

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/27/2004

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

D

below)

AKRON, OH 44308

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

1,805.534

(9-02)

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	•	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/27/2004	A	3	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	3	\$ 39.6555

Other

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		

COTTLE WILLIAM T C/O FIRSTENERGY CORP. 76. S. MAIN ST. AKRON, OH 44308

X

### **Signatures**

Edward J. Udovich, POA

\*\*Signature of Reporting 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).
- **(1)** 1 for 1
- (2) In accordance with the terms and conditions of the FirstEnergy Corp Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors
- (3) In accordance with the terms and conditions of the FirstEnergy Corp. Deferred compensation Plan for outside Directors

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