

Dowling Michael J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Dowling Michael J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

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

76 SOUTH MAIN ST

03/01/2012

Sr VP, External Affairs

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2012                           |  | C                              |   | 417 <sup>(2)</sup>  | A  | \$ 44.34                          |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2012                           |  | F                              |   | 119 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  | \$ 44.34                          |
| 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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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) | Amount       |               |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|---------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Number Shares |
| Phantom 3/09D                              | (1)  | 03/01/2012                           |  | C                              |   | 03/01/2009   | 03/01/2012  | Common Stock | 417           |
| Phantom 3/12d                              | (1)  | 03/02/2012                           |  | A                              | 296,415 (3)   | 03/01/2012   | 03/01/2015  | Common Stock | 296,415       |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

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## Signatures

Edward J. Udovich, POA                          03/05/2012

\*\*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).

(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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