

Dowling Michael J  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
76 SOUTH MAIN ST  
(Street)

AKRON, OH 44308

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/02/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Sr VP, External Affairs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	03/02/2012		C		1,212 (3) \$ 44.4	A	7,360.648 D
Common Stock	03/02/2012		A		1,243 (3) \$ 44.4	A	8,603.648 D
Common Stock	03/02/2012		F		791 (3) \$ 44.4	D	7,812.648 D
Common Stock							1,082.227 I

By 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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Rsup12	<u>(1)</u>	03/02/2012		C		03/02/2012	03/02/2012	Common Stock	1,212
RSUP17	\$ 1	03/06/2012		A	2,836 <u>(4)</u>	03/05/2015	03/05/2015	Common Stock	2,836
Phantom / Retirement	<u>(1)</u>					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	334
Phantom 3/12d	<u>(1)</u>					03/01/2012	03/01/2015	Common Stock	296
RSUP14	<u>(1)</u>					03/08/2013	03/08/2013	Common Stock	1,212
RSUP16	\$ 1 <u>(1)</u>					03/04/2014	03/04/2014	Common Stock	1,912

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dowling Michael J 76 SOUTH MAIN ST AKRON, OH 44308			Sr VP, External Affairs	

## Signatures

Edward J. Udovich, POA      03/06/2012

\*\*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) This transaction reflects the extension and vesting of phantom stock to retirement or other termination of employment under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.

(3) RSUP12 award listed in Table II has been reported at 50% of the original grant amount, as that represents the minimum amount guaranteed to be paid out upon vesting. Because of the performance targets achieved, the award was paid out on March 2, 2012 at a performance rate of 100%. The shares coded "A" represent that portion attributable to this performance adjustment. The shares coded "F" were withheld to cover income tax obligations associated with the payout.

(4) This transaction is a performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant (RSUP17) of which 50% is reflected in Table II. Of the total shares granted, 50% of the shares are subject to forfeiture if the performance goals are not met. The full grant can be adjusted upward by an additional 50% if the 3-year goals are achieved.

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