

ALEXANDER ANTHONY J  
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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 \*  
 ALEXANDER ANTHONY 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)  
 C/O FIRSTENERGY CORP, 76 S. MAIN ST.  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/23/2004

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

AKRON, OH 44308  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/23/2004                           |  | F(1)                           | 35,214 D \$ 42.595  | 64,187.743  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 16,131.1619   | I  | by Savings Plan Trust                                 |

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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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)  | (3)   | Common Stock | 13,369.75                  |

## Reporting Owners

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

## 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).
- (1) 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.
- (2) These transactions reflect the extension of the exercisable date and expiration of phantom stock to "retirement" or "other termination of employment" under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.
- (3) 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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