

ALEXANDER ANTHONY J
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FORM 4

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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)
 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/08/2013

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Pres. & Chief Exec. Officer

(Street)
 AKRON, OH 44308

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

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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2013 | | M | | 36,712 (1) \$ 40.82 | A | 386,999.965 D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2013 | | A | | 74,959 (1) \$ 40.82 | A | 461,958.965 D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2013 | | F | | 53,268 (1) \$ 40.82 | D | 408,690.965 D |
| Common Stock | | | | | 263 (4) | I | By Child's Savings Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | 105,250 (5) | I | By Children |

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|--------------|------------|---|-----------------------|
| Common Stock | 32,954.382 | I | By Savings Plan Trust |
| Common Stock | 54,742.073 | I | GRAT |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| RSUP18 | (2) | 03/08/2013 | | A | 63,193 (3) | 03/01/2016 03/01/2016 | Common Stock |
| RSUP14 | (2) | 03/08/2013 | | M | 36,712 (1) | 03/08/2013 03/08/2013 | Common Stock |
| Phantom / Retirement | (2) | | | | | (6) (6) | Common Stock |
| RSUP16 | (2) | | | | | 03/04/2014 03/04/2014 | Common Stock |
| RSUP17 | (2) | | | | | 03/05/2015 03/05/2015 | Common Stock |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 37.75 | | | | | 04/30/2013 02/25/2021 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ALEXANDER ANTHONY J 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308 | X | | Pres. & Chief Exec. Officer | |

Signatures

Edward J.
Udovich, POA

03/12/2013

 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).
- RSUP14 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 the performance targets were achieved, the award was paid out on March 8, 2013 at a performance rate of 150%. 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.
- (1) 1 for 1
 - (2) This transaction is a performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant (RSUP18) 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.
 - (3) These shares represent Anthony J. Alexander's child's savings plan shares. Mr. Alexander disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
 - (4) These shares represent gifts of securities by Mr. Alexander to his children, who share his household. Mr. Alexander disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
 - (5) This transaction reflects the extension and vesting of phantom stock to retirement or other termination of employment under arrangements approved by the Compensation Committee.
 - (6)

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