

LEIDICH GARY R  
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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 \*  
**LEIDICH GARY R**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
  
(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)  
**08/18/2005**

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)  
President of FENOC

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

**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 Price		
Common Stock	08/18/2005		M		10,125 A \$ 29.71	60,583.945	D
Common Stock	08/18/2005		S		10,125 (1) D \$ 48.8	50,458.945	D
Common Stock	08/18/2005		M		10,125 A \$ 29.71	60,583.945	D
Common Stock	08/18/2005		S		10,125 (1) D \$ 48.8	50,458.945	D
Common Stock						250	I

By  
Daughter  
(Anne)

Common Stock 822.9616 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.71	08/18/2005		M	10,125 (1)	03/01/2004 03/01/2013	Common Stock 10,125
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.71	08/18/2005		M	10,125 (1)	03/01/2004 03/01/2013	Common Stock 10,125
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.76					03/01/2005 03/01/2014	Common Stock 44,500
Phantom 3/05D	\$ 1					02/25/2005 03/01/2008	Common Stock 7,682.8
RSUP1	\$ 1					03/01/2008 03/01/2008	Common Stock 4,121.48

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEIDICH GARY R 76 SOUTH MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308			President of FENOC	

## Signatures

David W.  
Whitehead, POA

08/19/2005

\_\_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) This stock option was exercised in accordance with a 10b5-1 Plan signed by Gary R. Leidich on 6/21/05.

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