Dowling Michael J Form 4 March 06, 2012

FORM 4

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Dowling Michael J			Symbol FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]					Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 76 SOUTH I			3. Date of (Month/Date 03/02/20	•	ansaction			DirectorX Officer (give below)	10%	Owner er (specify	
					Amendment, Date Original d(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
AKRON, OH 44308								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/D	Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of	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)	
Common Stock	03/02/2012			Code V	Amount 1,212 (3)	(D)	Price \$ 44.4	7,360.648	D		
Common Stock	03/02/2012			A	1,243 (3)	A	\$ 44.4	8,603.648	D		
Common Stock	03/02/2012			F	791 <u>(3)</u>	D	\$ 44.4	7,812.648	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

By

Plan

Savings

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1,082.227

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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)	2 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	5. NumbiorDerivation Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	es ed (A) or ed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Share
Rsup12	(1)	03/02/2012		C		1,212	03/02/2012	03/02/2012	Common Stock	1,2
RSUP17	\$ 1	03/06/2012		A	2,836 (4)		03/05/2015	03/05/2015	Common Stock	2,8
Phantom / Retirement	(1)						(2)	(2)	Common Stock	334
Phantom 3/12d	(1)						03/01/2012	03/01/2015	Common Stock	296
RSUP14	(1)						03/08/2013	03/08/2013	Common Stock	1,2
RSUP16	\$ 1 <u>(1)</u>						03/04/2014	03/04/2014	Common Stock	1,9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsnips
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Director 10% Owner Other Officer

Dowling Michael J 76 SOUTH MAIN ST AKRON, OH 44308

Sr VP, External Affairs

Signatures

Edward J. 03/06/2012 Udovich, POA

**Signature of Reporting Date Person

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- * 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.
- 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.
- This transaction is a performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant (RSUP17) of which 50% is reflected in Table II. Of the total shares (4) 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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