#### GAINES BENNETT L

Form 4

March 12, 2013

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

| GAINES BENNETT L                     |   |   | Symbol                              | Symbol FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]  |              |           |   |  | Issuer   |    |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|-----------|---|--|--|----|--|--|
| (Last) 76 S. MAIN                    | (Month/D  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2013 |                                     |   |              |           | (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Sr VP Corp Svcs & CIO                             |  |  |    |  |  |
|                                      | (Street)  |   | ndment, Da<br>nth/Day/Year          | U   | 1            |           | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting |  |  |    |  |  |
| AKRON, OH 44308                      |   |   |                                     |   |              |           |   | Person   |  |    |  |  |
| (City)                               | (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |   |                                     |   |              |           |   |  |  |    |  |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | any   |   | emed<br>ion Date, if<br>n/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) |              |           | d of (D)  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) |    |  |  |
|                                      |   |   |                                     | Code V  | Amount       | or<br>(D) | Price   | (Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |    |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 03/08/2013  |   |                                     | M   | 2,333<br>(1) | A         | \$<br>40.82   | 2,333  | D  |    |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 03/08/2013  |   |                                     | A   | 4,764<br>(1) | A         | \$<br>40.82   | 7,097  | D  |    |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 03/08/2013  |   |                                     | F   | 2,350<br>(1) | D         | \$<br>40.82   | 4,747  | D  |    |  |  |
| Common                               |   |   |                                     |   |              |           |   |  |  | Ву |  |  |

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

Savings

Plan Trust

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Numb<br>orDerivati<br>Securitie<br>Acquired<br>Disposed<br>(Instr. 3, | ve<br>es<br>d (A) or<br>d of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount o<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                  | (A)  | (D)                              | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| RSUP18  | (2)   | 03/08/2013                           |   | A                                       | 3,242<br>(3)   |                                  | 03/01/2016   | 03/01/2016         | Common<br>Stock  | 3,242                                  |
| RSUP14  | (2)   | 03/08/2013                           |   | M                                       |  | 2,333<br>(1)                     | 03/08/2013   | 03/08/2013         | Common<br>Stock  | 2,333                                  |
| RSUP16  | (2)   |                                      |   |   |  |                                  | 03/04/2014   | 03/04/2014         | Common<br>Stock  | 2,811                                  |
| RSUP17  | (2)   |                                      |   |   |  |                                  | 03/05/2015   | 03/05/2015         | Common<br>Stock  | 2,885                                  |

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GAINES BENNETT L 76 S. MAIN ST. AKRON, OH 44308

Sr VP Corp Svcs & CIO

## **Signatures**

Edward J. Udovich, POA 03/12/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date
Person

# **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) 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 of the performance targets were achieved, the award was paid out on March 8, 2013 at a

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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.

- (2) 1 for 1
- This transaction is a performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant (RSUP18) of which 50% is reflected in table II. Of the total shares (3) 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
- (3) 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.
- A review conducted in our normal course of operations revealed that an administrative error was made in calculating the 2009 bonus match in this 401(k) account. The balance has been adjusted to reflect the addition of 1.27 shares.

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