

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		
<b>GAINES BENNETT L</b>			<b>8/1/2012</b>		<b>FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
<b>76 S. MAIN ST.</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Sr VP Corp Svcs &amp; CIO /</b>				
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
<b>AKRON, OH 44308</b>			<b>8/3/2012</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>1642.698 (1)</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>By Savings Plan Trust</b>

### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<b>RSUP14</b>	<b>3/8/2013</b>	<b>3/8/2013</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>2275 (2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>RSUP16</b>	<b>3/4/2014</b>	<b>3/4/2014</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>2740 (2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>RSUP17</b>	<b>3/5/2015</b>	<b>3/5/2015</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>2813 (2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>D</b>	

#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The Common Stock By Savings Plan Trust balance was adjusted to reflect the balance as of 8/1/12.
- (2) This filing is being made to adjust the opening balance of the performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grants (RSUP14, RSUP16 and RSUP17 ) to 50% of the grant amount. 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.
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#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>GAINES BENNETT L</b> <b>76 S. MAIN ST.</b>			<b>Sr VP Corp Svcs &amp; CIO</b>	

AKRON, OH 44308				
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**Signatures**

**Jacqueline S. Cooper, POA**

**8/6/2012**

**—**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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