

FIRSTENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 16, 2007

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 16, 2007**

| <b>Commission<br/>File Number</b> | <b>Registrant; State of<br/>Incorporation;<br/>Address; and Telephone Number</b>  | <b>I.R.S.<br/>Employer<br/>Identification<br/>No.</b> |
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| <b>333-21011</b>                  | <b>FIRSTENERGY CORP.<br/>(An Ohio Corporation)<br/>76 South Main Street<br/>Akron, OH 44308<br/>Telephone (800)736-3402</b> | <b>34-1843785</b>                                     |

**Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2.):**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(d) On January 16, 2007, FirstEnergy Corp. (Company) announced that Michael J. Anderson has been elected to the Company's Board of Directors, effective February 1, 2007. Mr. Anderson is president, chief executive officer and a director of the The Andersons, Inc.

Mr. Anderson will serve on the Board's Nuclear and Finance Committees. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Anderson and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Anderson was selected as a director. There are no relationships between Mr. Anderson and FirstEnergy or any of its subsidiaries that would require disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

(e) On January 16, 2007, the Company and Mr. Richard R. Grigg executed an amendment to his July 20, 2004 Employment Agreement extending the termination of that Agreement from August 20, 2007 to March 31, 2008. The other material terms and conditions of the Employment Agreement remain in effect.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release issued by FirstEnergy Corp., dated January 16, 2007 |
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**Forward-Looking Statements:** This Form 8-K includes forward-looking statements based on information currently available to management. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. These statements typically contain, but are not limited to, the terms “anticipate,” “potential,” “expect,” “believe,” “estimate” and similar words. Actual results may differ materially due to the speed and nature of increased competition and deregulation in the electric utility industry, economic or weather conditions affecting future sales and margins, changes in markets for energy

services, changing energy and commodity market prices, replacement power costs being higher than anticipated or inadequately hedged, the continued ability of FirstEnergy's regulated utilities to collect transition and other charges or to recover increased transmission costs, maintenance costs being higher than anticipated, legislative and regulatory changes (including revised environmental requirements), and the legal and regulatory changes resulting from the implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (including, but not limited to, the repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935), the uncertainty of the timing and amounts of the capital expenditures needed to, among other things, implement the Air Quality Compliance Plan (including that such amounts could be higher than anticipated) or levels of emission reductions related to the Consent Decree resolving the New Source Review litigation, adverse regulatory or legal decisions and outcomes (including, but not limited to, the revocation of necessary licenses or operating permits, fines or other enforcement actions and remedies) of governmental investigations and oversight, including by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the various state public utility commissions as disclosed in the registrant's Securities and Exchange Commission filings, generally, and heightened scrutiny at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in particular, the timing and outcome of various proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (including, but not limited to, the successful resolution of the issues remanded to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio by the Ohio Supreme Court regarding the Rate Stabilization Plan) and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, including the transition rate plan filings for Met-Ed and Penelec, the continuing availability and operation of generating units, the ability of generating units to continue to operate at, or near full capacity, the inability to accomplish or realize anticipated benefits from strategic goals (including employee workforce initiatives), the anticipated benefits from voluntary pension plan contributions, the ability to improve electric commodity margins and to experience growth in the distribution business, the ability to access the public securities and other capital markets and the cost of such capital, the outcome, cost and other effects of present and potential legal and administrative proceedings and claims related to the August 14, 2003 regional power outage, the successful completion of the share repurchase program announced August 10, 2006, the risks and other factors discussed from time to time in the registrant's Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, and other similar factors. The registrant expressly disclaims any current intention to update any forward-looking statements contained herein as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

January 16, 2007

**FIRSTENERGY CORP.**  
Registrant

/s/ Harvey L. Wagner  
Harvey L. Wagner  
Vice President, Controller and  
Chief Accounting Officer