

**FIRSTENERGY ANNOUNCES MANAGEMENT CHANGES  
THAT SUPPORT SUCCESSION PLANNING  
Moves Designed to Broaden Experience for Key Executives**

AKRON, OH – FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE) announced today organizational changes, effective March 1, 2007, designed to broaden the roles, responsibilities, and experiences of some key executives, while ensuring more effective succession planning.

“These changes not only strengthen our succession planning for expected executive retirements in the near future, but also enable senior executives to apply decision-making and leadership skills to a new set of responsibilities,” said Anthony J. Alexander, president and chief executive officer of FirstEnergy. “It’s part of our efforts to ensure that our senior executives are well prepared to help us achieve even greater operating and financial success as we continue moving the company forward.”

Executives with new or expanded responsibilities include:

**Leila L. Vespoli** – senior vice president and general counsel, currently responsible for Legal, Corporate, Real Estate and Records Management, will take on additional responsibilities for Governmental Affairs, Communications, and Corporate Affairs & Community Involvement, reporting to Mr. Alexander.

- **Robert P. Reffner** – formerly a partner with Akron, Ohio-based law firm Brouse McDowell, has been named vice president, Legal. Mr. Reffner will join the company by the end of February 2007.
- **Thomas C. Navin** – vice president, Business Performance & Management, has been named vice president, Corporate Group Administration.
- **Ralph J. DiNicola** – vice president of External Communications, has been promoted to vice president of Communications, responsible for both external and internal communications for the company.
- **Rhonda S. Ferguson** – formerly assistant general counsel and assistant secretary for Cleveland, Ohio-based Ferro Corporation, will be joining the

company soon as vice president, Corporate, reporting to David W. Whitehead, vice president, Corporate Secretary & Chief Ethics Officer. Mr. Whitehead is currently considering retirement sometime during the next 12 to 14 months.

In addition to Mr. Reffner, Mr. Navin, Mr. DiNicola, and Mr. Whitehead, reporting to Ms. Vespoli will be David C. Luff, senior vice president, Governmental Affairs; and Mary Beth Carroll, vice president, Corporate Affairs & Community Involvement.

**Gary R. Leidich** – FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) president and chief nuclear officer (CNO), has been promoted to FirstEnergy senior vice president of Operations, reporting to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Richard R. Grigg, who is currently considering retirement sometime during the next 12 to 14 months. Mr. Leidich will be responsible for Fossil Operations & Air Quality Compliance, Retail & Commodity Operations, and Energy Delivery & Customer Service. Reporting to Mr. Leidich will be:

- **Charles E. Jones** – senior vice president, Energy Delivery & Customer Service, who has been promoted to president of FirstEnergy’s competitive subsidiary, FirstEnergy Solutions, with responsibility for Retail & Commodity Operations;
- **Donald R. Schneider** – vice president of Energy Delivery, who has been promoted to senior vice president, Energy Delivery & Customer Service;
- **Charles D. Lasky** – vice president, Fossil Operations, who will take on expanded responsibilities as vice president, Fossil Operations & Air Quality Compliance.
  - **Dennis J. Fuster** – director of Air Quality Compliance, has been promoted to vice president of Site Construction, overseeing installation of environmental equipment at FirstEnergy’s fossil plants, reporting to Mr. Lasky.

**Guy L. Pipitone** – president, FirstEnergy Solutions, will become senior vice president, Operations Strategy & Development, responsible for developing strategies to maximize the value of the company’s assets, reporting to Mr. Grigg. Mr. Pipitone, who is considering retirement sometime this year, also will support Mr. Leidich and Mr. Jones in their new roles.

**Joseph J. Hagan** – senior vice president and chief operating officer for FENOC, has been promoted to FENOC president and CNO, reporting to Mr. Alexander.

- **James H. Lash** – site vice president at the Beaver Valley Power Station, has been promoted to senior vice president of Operations for FENOC, and will retain responsibility for Beaver Valley, reporting to Mr. Hagan.
- **Barry S. Allen** – director of Site Operations at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, will be promoted to site vice president following the retirement of Lamar W. “Bill” Pearce this spring, and will report to Mr. Lash.

In addition to Mr. Lash, reporting to Mr. Hagan will be Danny L. Pace, senior vice president, Fleet Engineering; and Jeannie M. Rinckel, vice president, Fleet Oversight. In addition to Mr. Allen, Mark Bezilla, site vice president at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, will report to Mr. Lash.

**Thomas M. Welsh** – senior vice president of External Affairs, has been named senior vice president, assistant to the chief executive officer, serving as a liaison for the company on key industry issues and initiatives. He will continue reporting to Mr. Alexander.

**Tony C. Banks** – vice president of Business Development, will take on added responsibilities as vice president of Business Development, Performance & Management, reporting to Mark T. Clark, senior vice president, Strategic Planning & Operations.

**Bennett L. Gaines** – vice president of Information Technology & chief information officer (CIO), will take on expanded responsibilities as vice president,

Information Technology, CIO & Corporate Security, reporting to Mr. Clark. Reporting to Mr. Gaines will be:

- **James Whitley, Jr.** – manager of Corporate Security, who has been promoted to director of Corporate Security.

FirstEnergy is a diversified energy company headquartered in Akron, Ohio. Its subsidiaries and affiliates are involved in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, as well as energy management and other energy-related services. Its seven electric utility operating companies comprise the nation's fifth largest investor-owned electric system based on serving 4.5 million customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and its generation subsidiaries control more than 14,000 megawatts of capacity.

**Forward-Looking Statements:** This news release 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 our 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 our 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 PUCO 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 implementation of the newly approved share repurchase program announced January 31, 2007, the risks and other factors discussed from time to time in our Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, and other similar factors. We expressly disclaim any current intention to update any forward-looking statements contained herein as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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