

CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING CO  
Form 15-12G  
January 25, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 15**

**CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS UNDER SECTIONS 13 AND 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**

Commission File Number: 000-53431

**THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING  
COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**c/o FirstEnergy Corp.**

**76 South Main Street**

**Akron, Ohio 44308**

**(800) 736-3402**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**Common Stock, without par value per share\***

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**5.700% Senior Notes due 2017\*\***

**5.950% Senior Notes due 2036\*\***

**First Mortgage Bonds 8.875% Series due 2018\*\***

**First Mortgage Bonds 5.500% Series due 2024\*\***

**7.880% Series D Secured Notes due 2017\*\***

**5.650% Exchange Senior Notes due 2013\*\***

(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

**None**

(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

Rule 12g-4(a)(1)*	x
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)	..
Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)	..
Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii)	..
Rule 15d-6**	x

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date:

Common Stock, without par value per share\*: 1 holder

5.700% Senior Notes due 2017\*\*: 58 holders

5.950% Senior Notes due 2036\*\*: 33 holders

First Mortgage Bonds 8.875% Series due 2018\*\*: 29 holders

First Mortgage Bonds 5.500% Series due 2024\*\*: 19 holders

7.880% Series D Secured Notes due 2017\*\*: 40 holders

5.650% Exchange Senior Notes due 2013\*\*: 54 holders

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company has caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

**THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC**

**ILLUMINATING COMPANY**

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Date: January 24, 2012

By: /s/ Harvey L. Wagner  
Name: Harvy L. Wagner

Title: Vice President and Controller