

Duke Energy CORP
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|-------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â ESREY WILLIAM T | | (Month/Day/Year) | Duke Energy CORP [DUK] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 04/03/2006 | | |
| 1314 SPRADDLE CREEK ROAD | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| VAIL,Â COÂ 81657 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

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) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 33,874 | D | Â |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 5,222 | I | By Trust-reporting person trustee/benef |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 1,333 | I | Partnership-reporting person sole owner |

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

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

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 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 | | | |
| LTIP Phantom Stock Grant Feb 2004 <u>(1)</u> | Â <u>(2)</u> | Â <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 900 | \$ <u>(4)</u> | D | Â |
| LTIP Phantom Stock Grant Feb 2005 <u>(1)</u> | Â <u>(2)</u> | Â <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 1,456 | \$ <u>(4)</u> | D | Â |
| LTIP Phantom Stock Grant May 2004 <u>(1)</u> | Â <u>(2)</u> | Â <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 720 | \$ <u>(4)</u> | D | Â |
| LTIP Phantom Stock Grant May 2005 <u>(1)</u> | Â <u>(2)</u> | Â <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 540 | \$ <u>(4)</u> | D | Â |
| Phantom Stock DSP I <u>(1)</u> | Â <u>(5)</u> | Â <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 24,155 | \$ <u>(4)</u> | I | By Trustee, Directors' Savings Plan |
| Phantom Stock DSP II <u>(1)</u> | Â <u>(6)</u> | Â <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 556 | \$ <u>(4)</u> | I | By Trustee, Directors' Savings Plan II |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) <u>(1)</u> | 04/15/2003 | 04/15/2009 | Common Stock | 3,600 | \$ 26.91 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) <u>(1)</u> | 12/20/2004 | 12/20/2009 | Common Stock | 4,000 | \$ 24.88 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) <u>(1)</u> | 12/20/2005 | 12/20/2010 | Common Stock | 4,000 | \$ 42.81 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) <u>(1)</u> | Â <u>(7)</u> | 12/19/2011 | Common Stock | 4,000 | \$ 37.68 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) <u>(1)</u> | Â <u>(8)</u> | 02/25/2013 | Common Stock | 4,000 | \$ 13.77 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ESREY WILLIAM T 1314 SPRADDLE CREEK ROAD VAIL,Â COÂ 81657 | Â X | Â | Â | Â |

Signatures

By: Judy Z. Mayo,
Attorney-in-fact for

04/12/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

- On April 3, 2006, Duke Power Company, LLC, formerly known as Duke Energy Corporation (Predecessor), merged into a wholly-owned subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation, formerly known as Duke Energy Holding Corp. (Issuer). In connection with the merger, each share of Predecessor's common stock was converted into the right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (1) The phantom stock vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
 - (2) Expiration date not applicable.
 - (3) Converts to Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis.
 - (5) Payable upon termination of employment or occurrence of other events as specified in the Directors' Savings Plan I.
 - (6) Payable upon termination of employment or occurrence of other events as specified in the Directors' Savings Plan II, subject to holding periods required by law.
 - (7) Final installment of one-fifth of the original grant vests on December 19, 2006; remainder fully vested as of December 19, 2005.
 - (8) Final installment of one-fourth of the original grant vests on February 25, 2007; remainder fully vested as of February 25, 2006.

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