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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BARNET WILLIAM III

(Last) (First) (Middle)

04/03/2006

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Duke Energy CORP [DUK]

C/O THE BARNET

COMPANY, Â 507 EAST SAINT

JOHN STREET

(Street)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner _X_ Director

Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

SPARTANBURG, Â SCÂ 29302

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership Form: (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Â Common Stock (1) 5,000 D

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)

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

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Derivative Derivative Security:

5.

Ownership

Form of

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock DSP II	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	358	\$ <u>(4)</u>	I	By Trustee, Directors' Savings Plan II

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BARNET WILLIAM III C/O THE BARNET COMPANY 507 EAST SAINT JOHN STREET SPARTANBURG, SCÂ 29302

X Â Â Â

Signatures

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

04/12/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 (1) 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.
- 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.
- (3) Expiration date not applicable.
- (4) Converts to Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

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