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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Duke Energy CORP [DUK] BROWNING MICHAEL G (Month/Day/Year) 04/03/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 526 S. CHURCH STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner _X_ Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer _ Other Person (give title below) (specify below) CHARLOTTE, NCÂ 28202 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 174,595.2 (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

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	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
						Derivative (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	79,905.8582 (1)	\$ (3)	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to buy)	(4)	12/14/2009	Common Stock	15,600 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 15.264	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
F-	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BROWNING MICHAEL G 526 S. CHURCH STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 28202	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		

Signatures

By: David S. Maltz, attorney-in-fact 04/13/2006

**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, Cinergy Corp. ('Issuer') merged into a wholly-owned subsidiary of Duke Energy Holding Corp. (now known as Duke Energy Corporation) ('Duke Energy'). In connection with the merger, each share of Issuer's common stock was converted into the right to receive 1.56 shares of Duke Energy's common stock and each stock option of Issuer was converted by multplying the number of Issuer shares previously covered by the option by 1.56 and dividing the prior exercise price of the option by 1.56.
- (2) Generally payable upon reporting person's termination of service.
- (3) The derivative security converts into common stock on a one-for-one basis and will be settled in stock.
- (4) The reporting person was granted 10,000 stock options on December 14, 1999. The options became exercisable in five equal annual installments.

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Remarks:

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