

TAFT DUDLEY S  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
TAFT DUDLEY S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Duke Energy CORP [DUK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
526 S. CHURCH STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/30/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	11/30/2009		M	V	15,600	A	\$ 8.69
Common Stock					19,274	I	By Corporation

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.69	11/30/2009		M	15,600	(1) 12/14/2009	Common Stock	15,600 (2)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TAFT DUDLEY S 526 S. CHURCH STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 28202		X		

## Signatures

/s/ David S. Maltz, attorney-in-fact Dudley S. Taft  
 12/02/2009  
 \_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) The reporting person was granted 10,000 stock options on December 14, 1999. The options became exercisable in five equal annual installments.
- (2) 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 multiplying 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.

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