

Duke Energy CORP
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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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 TAFT DUDLEY S | | (Month/Day/Year) | Duke Energy CORP [DUK] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 04/03/2006 | |
| 526 S. CHURCH STREET | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| CHARLOTTE,Â NCÂ 28202 | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| | | | <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 | 34,100.483 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 19,274.736 ⁽¹⁾ | 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 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 Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Phantom Stock | Â (2) | Â (2) | Common Stock | 26,204.988 (1) | \$ (3) | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | Â (4) | 12/14/2009 | Common Stock | 15,600 (1) | \$ 15.264 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TAFT DUDLEY S 526 S. CHURCH STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 28202 | Â X | 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 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.
- (1) Generally payable upon reporting person's termination of service.
 - (2) The derivative security converts into common stock on a one-for-one basis and will be settled in stock.
 - (3) 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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