

OConnor Thomas C
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FORM 4

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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 *
 OConnor Thomas C

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 SOUTH CHURCH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/24/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Group Vice President

CHARLOTTE, NC 282021802

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/24/2006		M	3,194 A \$ 0	12,633	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2006		F	1,037 D \$ 0	11,596	D	
Common Stock					2,407	I	By Trustee under Retirement Savings Plan
Common Stock					10,604	I	By Trustee, Dividend Reinvestment

Plan

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

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 (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. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
LTIP Phantom Stock 2004 Grant	(1)	02/24/2006		M	3,194	(2) (3)	Common Stock	3,194 \$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OConnor Thomas C 526 SOUTH CHURCH STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 282021802			Group Vice President	

Signatures

By: Judy Z. Mayo, as Attorney-in-Fact for
Date: 02/27/2006

**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) 1-for-1
- (2) The phantom stock vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2005.

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