

Duke Energy CORP  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â BERNHARDT GEORGE ALEXANDER SR</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>BERNHARDT FURNITURE COMPANY,Â POST OFFICE BOX 740</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>LENOIR,Â NCÂ 28645</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>04/03/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Duke Energy CORP [DUK]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**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 <u>(1)</u>	2,426	D	Â
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	1,176	I	By Trustee, self-directed IRA for spouse

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)**

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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 Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
LTIP Phantom Stock Grant Feb 2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(2)</sup>	Â <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	900	\$ <sup>(4)</sup>	D	Â
LTIP Phantom Stock Grant Feb 2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(2)</sup>	Â <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	1,456	\$ <sup>(4)</sup>	D	Â
LTIP Phantom Stock Grant May 2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(2)</sup>	Â <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	720	\$ <sup>(4)</sup>	D	Â
LTIP Phantom Stock Grant May 2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(2)</sup>	Â <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	540	\$ <sup>(4)</sup>	D	Â
Phantom Stock DSP I <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(5)</sup>	Â <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	38,160	\$ <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By Trustee, Directors' Savings Plan
Phantom Stock DSP II <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(6)</sup>	Â <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	8,014	\$ <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By Trustee, Directors' Savings Plan II
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	04/15/2003	04/15/2009	Common Stock	3,600	\$ 26.91	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	12/20/2004	12/20/2009	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 24.88	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	12/20/2005	12/20/2010	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 42.81	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(7)</sup>	12/19/2011	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 37.68	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(8)</sup>	02/25/2013	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 13.77	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERNHARDT GEORGE ALEXANDER SR BERNHARDT FURNITURE COMPANY POST OFFICE BOX 740 LENOIR, NC 28645	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

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

04/12/2006

\_\_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, Duke Power Company, LLC, formerly known as Duke Energy Corporation (Predecessor), merged into a wholly-owned 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.
- (1) The phantom stock vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
  - (2) Expiration date not applicable.
  - (3) Converts to Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis.
  - (5) Payable upon termination of employment or occurrence of other events as specified in the Directors' Savings Plan I.
  - (6) 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.
  - (7) Final installment of one-fifth of the original grant vests on December 19, 2006; remainder fully vested as of December 19, 2005.
  - (8) Final installment of one-fourth of the original grant vests on February 25, 2007; remainder fully vested as of February 25, 2006.

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