

Mullinax A R
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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 *
 Mullinax A R

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)
 12/19/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Group VP, DEBS and CIO

CHARLOTTE, NC 282021802
 (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) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2005 | | M | 915 A \$ 0 | 915 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2005 | | F | 297 D \$ 27.28 | 618 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 11,550 | I | By Trustee under Retirement Savings Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | 38,184 | I | By Trustee, Dividend Reinvestment |

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)

| 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | |
| LTIP Phantom Stock 2001 Grant | (1) | 12/19/2005 | | M | 915 | (2) | (3) | Common Stock | 915 | \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Mullinax A R 526 SOUTH CHURCH STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 282021802 | | | Group VP, DEBS and CIO | |

Signatures

/s/ Judy Z. Mayo, as Attorney-in-Fact for A R Mullinax
 12/21/2005
 **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

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(2) The phantom stock vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning on December 19, 2002 (grant date 12/19/01).

(3) FOR ELECTRONIC FILING PURPOSES ONLY. Expiration date not applicable.

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