

JOHNSON WILLIAM D  
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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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â JOHNSON WILLIAM D                       |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | Duke Energy CORP [DUK]                             |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| 550 S. TRYON STREET                       |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                                     |
| CHARLOTTE,Â NCÂ 28202                     |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
|   |         |                                      | President & CEO; Director                          | 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 <u>(1)</u>         | 269,471 <u>(2)</u>                                    | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u>         | 8,784   | I  | By 401(k)   |

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) |   |
|---|------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Management Deferred Compensation Plan <sup>(1)</sup>  | Â <sup>(3)</sup> | Â <sup>(4)</sup> | Common Stock | 1,040                      | \$ <sup>(5)</sup> | D                                     | Â |
| Management Incentive Compensation Plan <sup>(1)</sup> | Â <sup>(3)</sup> | Â <sup>(4)</sup> | Common Stock | 1,682                      | \$ <sup>(5)</sup> | D                                     | Â |
| Performance Share Sub-Plan <sup>(1)</sup>             | Â <sup>(3)</sup> | Â <sup>(4)</sup> | Common Stock | 142,243                    | \$ <sup>(5)</sup> | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| JOHNSON WILLIAM D<br>550 S. TRYON STREET<br>CHARLOTTE, NC 28202 | Â             | Â         | Â President & CEO; Director | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ David S. Maltz, attorney-in-fact for William D. Johnson 07/12/2012

         \*\*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 July 2, 2012, Progress Energy, Inc. ("Predecessor"), merged into a subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation ("Issuer"). In connection
- (1) with the merger, each share of Predecessor's common stock was converted into the right to receive .87083 shares of Issuer's common stock.
  - (2) Includes 49,466 restricted stock units
  - (3) Based upon payment schedule selected by the reporting person in the Election Form.
  - (4) Expiration date not applicable.
  - (5) Converts to Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

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