

OConnor Thomas C  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
 12/19/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Group Vice President

CHARLOTTE, NC 282021802  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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	315 A \$ 0	0	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2005		F	103 D \$ 27.28	0	D	
Common Stock					9,651	D	
Common Stock					2,305	I	By Trustee under Retirement Savings Plan
					10,264	I	

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Common  
Stock

By Trustee,  
Dividend  
Reinvestment  
Plan

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)
LTIP Phantom Stock 2001 Grant	(1)	12/19/2005		M	315	(2) (3)	Common Stock	315 \$ 0

## 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

/s/ Judy Z. Mayo, as Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas C. O'Connor  
 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

(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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