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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **ESREY WILLIAM T**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Duke Energy CORP [DUK]

05/11/2006

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

1314 SPRADDLE CREEK ROAD (Street)

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

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

VAIL, CO 81657

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip)

> 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Deriva Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Securi (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (Instr.

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	Derivative Security			(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
LTIP Phantom Stock Grant May 2006	(1)	05/11/2006	A	2,600	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	2,600	\$ (
Phantom Stock DSP II	(1)	05/13/2006	A	180	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	180	\$ (

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ESREY WILLIAM T						
1314 SPRADDLE CREEK ROAD	X					
VAIL, CO 81657						

Signatures

By: Robert T. Lucas III, Attorney-in-fact for 05/15/2006

**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) Converts to Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (2) The reporting person was granted 2,600 shares on May 11, 2006. All of the shares will vest on April 3, 2007.
- (3) Generally payable upon reporting person's termination of service. Securities may expire prior to such termination of service in the event of certain conditions set forth in the Phantom Stock Award Agreement.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Expiration date not applicable.

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