

DUKE ENERGY CORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
ESREY WILLIAM T

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)  
1314 SPRADDLE CREEK ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/24/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

VAIL, CO 81657

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2006                           |  | M                              | 300 A \$ 0  | 32,970  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,333   | I  | By Partnership (1)                                    |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,222   | I  | By Trust-reporting person trustee/benef               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 23,929  | I  | By Trustee under Directors' Savings Plan              |

|              |     |   |  |
|--------------|-----|---|--|
| Common Stock | 186 | I | By Trustee, Directors' Savings Plan II |
| Common Stock | 891 | I | 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) |                            |      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |      |
| LTIP Phantom Stock 2004 Grant              | (2)  | 02/24/2006                           |  | M                              | 300   | (3)  | (4)   | Common Stock                               | 300                        | \$ 0 |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

By: Judy Z. Mayo, as  
Attorney-in-Fact for

02/27/2006

\_\_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) By partnership of which the reporting person is sole owner.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) The phantom stock vests in 5 equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2005.
- (4) FOR ELECTRONIC FILING PURPOSES ONLY. Expiration date not applicable.

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