

Duke Energy CORP  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BERNHARDT GEORGE  
ALEXANDER SR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

526 S. CHURCH STREET

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Duke Energy CORP [DUK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/12/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |        |   |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------|---|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price   |        |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/13/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 180   | A  | \$ 0  | 10,574 | D |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 1,176  | I | By Trustee, Self-directed Ira For Spouse |

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 or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Ltip Phantom Stock Grant May               | (1)  | 05/12/2008                           |  | M                              | 108   | (2) (3)  | Common Stock 108  | \$ 0  |
| Phantom Stock Director Savings Plan        | (1)  | 05/12/2008                           |  | M                              | 108   | (4) (3)  | Common Stock 108  | \$ 0  |
| Ltip Phantom Stock Grant May               | (1)  | 05/13/2008                           |  | M                              | 180   | (5) (3)  | Common Stock 180  | \$ 0  |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BERNHARDT GEORGE ALEXANDER SR  
526 S. CHURCH STREET  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

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## Signatures

/s/ David S. Maltz, Attorney-in-fact for G. Alex  
Bernhardt, Sr.

05/14/2008

\*\*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 540 shares on May 12, 2005. The shares will vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) Expiration date not applicable.
- (4) Generally payable upon reporting person's termination of service.
- (5) The reporting person was granted 900 shares on May 13, 2004. The shares will vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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