TECO ENERGY INC

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PAYNE SHIRLEY M | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TECO ENERGY INC [TE] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|---|-----------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | ` | | |
| C/O TECO ENERGY, INC., P. O. BOX 111 (Street) | | | (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2006 | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| TAMPA, FL 33 | 3601-0111 | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) (| (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | rities Acqui | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|-----------|----------|---|---|---|---------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price | | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2006 | | M | 2,078 | A | \$ 11.085 | 28,320 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2006 | | S | 2,078 | D | \$ 17.22 | 26,242 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 4,122.576 | I | By ESOP |

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number Doof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and e Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Empl Stk Opt (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.085 | 12/07/2006 | | M | 2,078 | <u>(1)</u> | 04/20/2013 | Common Stock | 2,078 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PAYNE SHIRLEY M C/O TECO ENERGY, INC. P. O. BOX 111 TAMPA, FL 33601-0111

VP-Corp Accounting and Tax

Signatures

David E. Schwartz, by Power of Attorney

12/11/2006

**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) The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on April 21, 2004.

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