



Yes, the Duke Energy Building went gay for National Coming Out Day

Twitter and Facebook were abuzz the night and day after the Duke Energy Building in Uptown Charlotte turned all its lights to rainbow on Oct. 11.

Was it intentional? Was it for National Coming Out Day? Lots of people had speculation, and some confirmed it on social networks. But Zuni Johnson, a Wells Fargo employee, confirmed the intentional lighting with *quotes*.

The rainbow theme on Duke Energy's lights were intentional, Charlotte photographer Rick Baxley caught a glimpse of the Duke Energy Building's National Coming Out Day lighting theme.

Johnson says, and were the result of requests from Wells Fargo's employee LGBT group and conversations with local LGBT leaders and Pride Charlotte organizers. Wachovia/Wells Fargo was a sponsor of this year's Pride festivities (as they have been in the past), and hosted a "RENT" sing-along at the Knight Theater with Pride Charlotte on Oct. 11.

So, there you have it. Confirmed. In a nicely wrapped, sky-scraping box, a gift to Charlotte's gays from Wells Fargo. We knew good things would happen once the Queen City got a taste of San Fran.

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