

DUKE ENERGY CORP
Form 8-K
December 16, 2005

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report: December 16, 2005

(Date of earliest event reported: December 15, 2005)

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

NORTH CAROLINA

1-4928

56-0205520

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

(Commission File No.)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

526 South Church Street

Charlotte, North Carolina

(Address of principal executive offices)

28202-1904

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **704-594-6200**

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ITEM 8.01 Other Events

On December 15, 2005, the registrant issued a press release announcing the approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of the proposed merger between the registrant and Cinergy Corp. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Joint press release, dated December 15, 2005, issued by Duke Energy Corporation and Cinergy Corp.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Steven K. Young

Steven K. Young

Vice President and Controller

Date: December 16, 2005

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
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