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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 16, 2017

Commission file Registrant, State of Incorporation or Organization, IRS Employer number Address of Principal Executive Offices, and Telephone Number Identification No.

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

1-32853 (a Delaware corporation)

20-2777218

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Conditions.

On February 16, 2017, Duke Energy Corporation issued a news release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2016. A copy of this news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The information in Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 News Release issued by Duke Energy Corporation on February 16, 2017

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and 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
/s/ WILLIAM E. CURRENS JR.
William E. Currens Jr.
Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Controller

Dated: February 16, 2017

EXHIBIT INDEX

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