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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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)

October 29, 2004

Alliant Energy Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-9894 (Commission File Number)

39-1380265 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

> <u>53718</u> (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (608) 458-3311

4902 North Biltmore Lane, Madison, Wisconsin

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 29, 2004, Alliant Energy Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the third quarter ended September 30, 2004 and its earnings guidance for 2004. A copy of such press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein. Alliant Energy has included non-GAAP (non-accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America) financial information in such press release to enable investors to better understand the core businesses of Alliant Energy.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) <u>Exhibits.</u> The following exhibits are being furnished herewith:
 - (99.1) Alliant Energy Corporation press release dated October 29, 2004.

SIGNATURES

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.

ALLIANT ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: October 29, 2004

By: /s/ John E. Kratchmer

John E. Kratchmer Vice President-Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

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(99.1) Alliant Energy Corporation press release dated October 29, 2004.

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