

DUKE ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2005

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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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: 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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