
**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): **December 3, 2012**

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-32853
(Commission
File Number)

20-2777218
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

550 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip code)

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

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:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
-
-

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 3, 2012, the North Carolina Utilities Commission (the "NCUC") orally approved the settlement agreement by and among Duke Energy Corporation (the "Company"), the NCUC Staff and the North Carolina Public Staff with respect to the NCUC investigation following the Company's merger with Progress Energy, Inc. The settlement agreement resolves all matters related to the NCUC investigation.

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

Date: December 3, 2012

By: /s/ Steven K. Young

Name: Steven K. Young

Title: Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Controller