

DUKE ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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

**Date of report: December 16, 2004**

**(Date of earliest event reported):**

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**DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)**

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**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**526 South Church Street**

**1-4928**  
**(Commission File No.)**

**52-0205520**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**28202-1904**

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**Charlotte, North Carolina**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

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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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - .. 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))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On December 16, 2004, the registrant's Board of Directors elected Dennis R. Hendrix to serve as a director of the registrant until the registrant's 2005 annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. Hendrix will be appointed to serve on one or more committees of the Board, to be determined at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting.

**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/ Edward M. Marsh, Jr.

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Edward M. Marsh, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary and Deputy General Counsel

Date: December 21, 2004