

DUKE ENERGY CORP
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Joint press release, dated December 15, 2005, issued by Duke Energy Corporation and Cinergy Corp.