

Duke Energy CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 12, 2007

**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): March 6, 2007**

**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.)

**526 South Church 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:

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

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 6, 2007, Duke Energy Corporation ( Duke Energy ) announced that Duke Energy, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the U.S. Department of Justice have reached a settlement resolving Duke Energy s used nuclear fuel litigation against the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The agreement provides for an initial payment to Duke Energy of approximately \$56 million for certain storage costs incurred through July 31, 2005, with additional amounts reimbursed annually for future storage costs. Duke Energy is still evaluating the financial statement impact of the initial payment, but anticipates a favorable pre-tax earnings impact in 2007 of less than the \$56 million settlement. A copy of the press release is attached as exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press Release issued by Duke Energy Corporation on March 6, 2007

**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: March 12, 2007

By: /s/Steven K. Young  
Name: Steven K. Young  
Title: Senior Vice President and Controller

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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| 99.1           | Press Release issued by Duke Energy Corporation on March 6, 2007 |

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