

Duke Energy CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 18, 2014

**UNITED STATES**  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 17, 2014**

Commission file  
number  
**1-32853**

Registrant, State of Incorporation or Organization,  
Address of Principal Executive Offices, and Telephone Number

IRS Employer  
Identification  
No.  
**20-2777218**

**DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

(a Delaware corporation)

550 South Tryon Street

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**DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.**

31-0240030

(an Ohio corporation)

139 East Fourth Street

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.06. Material Impairments.**

On February 17, 2014, Duke Energy Corporation (the Company) announced that it had initiated a strategic process to exit its Midwest commercial generation business, including the sale of 13 power plants owned or partially owned by Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. The estimated fair value of this fleet of power plants is below current book value, and therefore, as a result of this announcement, the Company will take an estimated pre-tax impairment charge of \$1 billion to \$2 billion in the first quarter of 2014. This impairment charge will be treated as a special item and excluded from the Company's adjusted diluted earnings per share results.

**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: February 18, 2014

By: /s/ Brian D. Savoy  
Name: Brian Savoy  
Title: Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

**DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.**

Date: February 18, 2014

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