

Duke Energy CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 16, 2012

**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**

**(Date of earliest event reported): February 16, 2012**

**DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission  
File No.)

(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:

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 16, 2012, Duke Energy Corporation issued a news release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2011. A copy of this news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The information in Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 News Release issued by Duke Energy Corporation on February 16, 2012  
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 thereunto duly authorized.

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

/s/ STEVEN K. YOUNG  
Steven K. Young  
Senior Vice President and Controller

Dated: February 16, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
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