

Duke Energy CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**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 24, 2012**

**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.)

**550 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip code)

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(704) 382-3853

(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:

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

In connection with certain awards that may be granted from time to time under the Duke Energy Corporation 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan, Duke Energy Corporation has adopted the following Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement and Performance Award Agreement, copies of which are filed herewith as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2, respectively, and incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02 as though fully set forth herein.

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

(d) *Exhibits.*

The following exhibits are filed herewith.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement of Duke Energy Corporation.
10.2	Form of Performance Award Agreement of Duke Energy Corporation.

**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 24, 2012

By:

*/s/ Marc E. Manly*

Name:

Marc E. Manly

Group Executive, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary

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