

DUKE ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 09, 2006

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 9, 2006

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**DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**North Carolina**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

**1-4928**  
(Commission File Number)

**56-0205520**  
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

**526 South Church Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202-1904**

Identification No.)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip code)

**(704) 594-6200**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 8.01. OTHER EVENTS**

On March 9, 2006, Duke Energy Corporation (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that it had commenced a consent solicitation to seek amendments to its First and Refunding Mortgage, dated December 1, 1927, as amended (the Mortgage Indenture ) under which certain of the Company s debt securities (the Mortgage Bonds ) were issued. 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.**

*Exhibits.*

99.1 Press Release, dated March 9, 2006, issued by Duke Energy Corporation, announcing the commencement of the consent solicitation.

**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 9, 2006

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
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