

DUKE ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 07, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 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: February 7, 2006**

**(Date of earliest event reported: February 1, 2006)**

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**DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)**

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**NORTH CAROLINA**

**(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)**

**1-4928**

**(Commission File No.)**

**56-0205520**

**(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)**

**526 South Church Street**

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**Charlotte, North Carolina**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**28202-1904**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 704-594-6200**

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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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On February 1, 2006, James G. Martin and A. Max Lennon each tendered a letter to the Chairman of the registrant's Board of Directors communicating his intent to resign from the registrant's Board of Directors effective as of the closing of the proposed merger of the registrant with Cinergy Corp.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Edward M. Marsh, Jr.

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Edward M. Marsh, Jr.  
Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

Date: February 7, 2006