

PROGRESS ENERGY INC  
Form 425  
July 07, 2011

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 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): July 7, 2011**

**DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

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(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.)

**526 South Church 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 8.01. OTHER EVENTS**

On July 7, 2011, Duke Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation (“Duke Energy”) and Progress Energy, Inc., a North Carolina corporation (“Progress Energy”), issued a joint press release announcing that the Securities and Exchange Commission has declared effective the Registration Statement on Form S-4 concerning the agreement and plan of merger between Duke Energy and Progress Energy. The joint proxy statement/prospectus contained in the registration statement will be mailed to Duke Energy and Progress Energy shareholders of record as of the close of business on July 5, 2011. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

<i>(d)</i>	<i>Exhibits.</i>
99.1	Joint Press Release, dated July 7, 2011, issued by Duke Energy Corporation and Progress Energy, Inc.



**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: July 7, 2011

By: /s/ David S. Maltz  
Name: David S. Maltz  
Title: Vice President, Legal and Assistant Corporate Secretary

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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