

Duke Energy CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 25, 2011

**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): **August 22, 2011**

**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 S. Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202-4200**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

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(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
  - 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 August 22, 2011, Duke Energy Corporation (the Company) entered into an underwriting agreement, dated as of August 22, 2011 (the Underwriting Agreement), with BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and UBS Securities LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein (the Underwriters), pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell to the Underwriters \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 3.55% Senior Notes due 2021 (the Securities). The Securities will be issued pursuant to an Indenture, dated as of June 3, 2008 (the Indenture), by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the Trustee), as amended and supplemented by various supplemental indentures thereto, including the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, which will be dated as of August 25, 2011 (the Fifth Supplemental Indenture), between the Company and the Trustee, relating to the Securities. The disclosure in this Item 8.01 is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of the Indenture, the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, a form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1, and the Underwriting Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. Such exhibits are incorporated herein by reference. Also, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities, the Company is filing a legal opinion regarding the validity of the Securities as Exhibit 5.1 to this Form 8-K for the purpose of incorporating the opinion into the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-169633.

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

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Exhibit 4.1  | Form of Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 25, 2011, to the Indenture, dated as of June 3, 2008, between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee                                                     |
| Exhibit 5.1  | Opinion regarding validity of the Securities                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Exhibit 23.1 | Consent (included as part of Exhibit 5.1)                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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**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: August 25, 2011

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| By:    | /s/ Robert T. Lucas III, Esq.                     |
| Name:  | Robert T. Lucas III, Esq.                         |
| Title: | Deputy General Counsel and<br>Assistant Secretary |

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