

Duke Energy CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 16, 2009

**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): January 12, 2009**

**DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

**(formerly Duke Energy Holding Corp.)**

(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 28202-1904**

(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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - o 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.**

On January 12, 2009, director Mary Schapiro notified Duke Energy Corporation (the Company ) that effective January 15, 2009, she would resign from the Company s Board of Directors. Ms. Schapiro was nominated by President-elect Barack Obama to serve as Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The nomination is subject to U.S. Senate confirmation.

**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: January 16, 2009

By: /s/Marc E. Manly

Name:

Marc E. Manly

Title:

Group Executive, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary