

Duke Energy CORP
Form 8-K
December 26, 2012

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): **December 26, 2012**

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 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip code)

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(704) 594-6200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Duke Energy International, LLC (DEI), a subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation, has acquired through its wholly-owned affiliates all of the outstanding shares of CGE Group s Iberoamericana de Energía Ibener S.A. (Ibener) subsidiary in Chile. The shares were acquired for cash consideration of \$415 million. As part of the transaction, DEI has acquired two run-of-river hydroelectric powerplants, Peuchén and Mampil, with combined installed capacity of 140 megawatts. The hydroelectric stations use the water from the Duqueco River (VIII region). DEI expects to close on a secured financing from a group of local banks for approximately half of the purchase price in the first quarter of 2013.

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: December 26, 2012

By: /s/ Steven K. Young

Name: Steven K. Young

Title: Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and
Controller