

DUKE ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**Date of report: March 16, 2006**  
(Date of earliest event reported: March 16, 2006)

**DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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

**1-4928**  
(Commission File No.)

**56-0205520**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**526 South Church Street**  
**Charlotte, North Carolina**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**28202-1904**  
(Zip Code)

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

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

**ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS**

On March 16, 2006, the registrant issued a press release announcing that Duke Power has selected a site in Cherokee County, S.C., for a potential new nuclear power plant, and that it entered into an agreement on March 16, 2006 with Southern Company to evaluate potential plant construction at this jointly owned location. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(c) Exhibits.

- 99.1 Press Release, dated March 16, 2006, issued by Duke Energy Corporation, announcing the selection of a site for a potential new nuclear power plant and the entry into an agreement with Southern Company to evaluate potential plant construction.

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**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/ Steven K. Young

Steven K. Young  
VP & Controller

Date: March 16, 2006