

PROGRESS ENERGY INC
Form 425
January 09, 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): **January 8, 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.)

526 South Church 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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 - 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 January 8, 2012, Duke Energy Corporation (*Duke Energy*) and Progress Energy, Inc. (*Progress Energy*) mutually agreed to extend the Initial Termination Date, as defined in the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of January 8, 2011 by and among Duke Energy, Progress Energy and Diamond Acquisition Corporation, from January 8, 2012 to July 8, 2012.

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 9, 2012

By:	/s/ Marc E. Manly
Name:	Marc E. Manly
Title:	Group Executive, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary