DUKE ENERGY CORP Form 8-K February 07, 2006

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report: February 7, 2006

(Date of earliest event reported: February 1, 2006)

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

NORTH CAROLINA 1-4928 56-0205520

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer

of incorporation) Identification No.)

526 South Church Street

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Charlotte, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices)

28202-1904 (Zip Code)

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

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ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On February 1, 2006, James G. Martin and A. Max Lennon each tendered a letter to the Chairman of the registrant s Board of Directors communicating his intent to resign from the registrant s Board of Directors effective as of the closing of the proposed merger of the registrant with Cinergy Corp.

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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/ Edward M. Marsh, Jr.

Edward M. Marsh, Jr.
Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

Date: February 7, 2006