

Duke Energy CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 16, 2008

**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): **April 10, 2008**

**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)

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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain.**

Effective April 10, 2008, Duke Energy Corporation (the Company ) entered into an agreement with Mr. Barron, former Group Executive and Chief Nuclear Officer, in connection with his March 31, 2008 retirement from the Company. In consideration of Mr. Barron's **execution of a standard general release of all claims** against the Company and its affiliates as well as his agreement to certain restrictive covenants, including non-solicitation, non-disparagement and confidentiality obligations, the Company agreed to waive (i) its right to enforce non-compete provisions contained in Mr. Barron's outstanding equity awards, and (ii) the requirement that Mr. Barron repay dividend equivalents that have previously been paid to him pursuant to a prior restricted stock award that was forfeited upon his retirement.

**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: April 16, 2008

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