

DUKE ENERGY CORP  
Form 35-CERT  
March 24, 2004

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# **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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## **QUARTERLY FILING CERTIFICATE**

**PURSUANT TO ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTIONS**

**UNDER SECTION 3(b) TO**

**FOREIGN PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES**

**Release No 35-27497; File No. 70-10013**

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## **DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

**526 S. Church Street**

**Charlotte, North Carolina 28202**

**(Name of the company filing this certificate and  
address of its principal executive office)**

**Myron L. Caldwell**

**Vice President and**

**Treasurer**

**Duke Energy Corporation**

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By order issued March 8, 2002, the Commission granted the application of Duke Energy Corporation ( Duke Energy ) under section 3(b) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended. The Commission s order required Duke Energy to file, on a quarterly basis, a certificate containing certain information regarding the capitalization and senior debt ratings of Duke Energy. Pursuant to that requirement, Duke Energy hereby submits its certificate.

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned officer of Duke Energy Corporation hereby certifies as follows:

1. The following table shows Duke Energy s total capitalization as of December 31, 2003

**Capitalization (in millions of dollars)**

	<b>December 31, 2003</b>
Notes Payable and Commercial Paper	\$ 130
Long-Term Debt (including current portion)	21,822
Preferred and Preference Stock	134
Minority Interests	1,701
Total Common Stock Equity	13,748
<b>Total Capitalization</b>	<b>\$ 37,535</b>

2. As of March 1, 2004, Duke Energy s senior unsecured debt ratings were Baa1 from Moody s Investors Service, Inc., and BBB from Standard & Poor s Rating Service, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand this 24th day of March, 2004.

/s/ Myron L. Caldwell

Myron L. Caldwell

Vice President and Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,  
DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert T. Lucas III

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Assistant Secretary

Dated: March 24, 2004