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January 07, 2004

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  
(Date of earliest event reported): January 7, 2004

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| NORTH CAROLINA                                    | 1-4928                | 56-0205520                           |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of<br>Incorporation) | (Commission File No.) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| 526 South Church Street                  |            |
| Charlotte, North Carolina                | 28201-1006 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

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

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99 News Release dated January 7, 2004

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 7, 2004, Duke Energy Corporation issued a news release announcing estimates of its earnings for the full year 2003. A copy of this news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99. The information in Exhibit 99 is being furnished pursuant to this Item 12.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Keith G. Butler

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Keith G. Butler  
Senior Vice President and Controller

Dated: January 7, 2004

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