

Duke Energy CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 25, 2013

**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): **October 25, 2013**

Commission file  
number  
**1-32853**

Registrant, State of Incorporation or Organization,  
Address of Principal Executive Offices, and Telephone Number

IRS Employer  
Identification  
No.  
**20-2777218**

**DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION**

(a Delaware corporation)  
550 South Tryon Street  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202-1803  
704-382-3853

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**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On October 22, 2013, the Board of Directors of Duke Energy Corporation (the "Company") adopted Amended and Restated By-Laws (the "Amended By-Laws") to provide for majority voting in uncontested Director elections. The Amended By-laws are effective October 22, 2013.

Under the Amended By-Laws, in an uncontested election at which a quorum is present, a Director will be elected if the number of shares voted for the Director's election exceeds the number of votes withheld from that Director's election. In addition, the Company continues to maintain a resignation policy, which requires an incumbent Director who receives more withhold votes than votes for his or her election to tender his or her letter of resignation for consideration by the Corporate Governance Committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

In contested elections, Directors will continue to be elected by plurality vote. For purposes of the Amended By-laws, a contested election is an election in which the number of nominees for director is greater than the number of directors to be elected.

The Company's By-Laws previously provided for a plurality voting standard in all Director elections.

The foregoing description of the Amended By-Laws is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amended By-Laws, which are filed as Exhibit 3.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Section 3.03 of the Amended By-Laws reflects the changes described above.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements And Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

3.1 Amended and Restated By-Laws of Duke Energy Corporation, effective October 22, 2013.

**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**

Date: October 25, 2013

By:

/s/ Julia S. Janson  
Executive Vice President, Chief Legal  
Officer and Corporate Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>3.1</b>	Amended and Restated By-Laws of Duke Energy Corporation, effective October 22, 2013.