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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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): September 2, 2011

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware001-3285320-2777218(State or Other Jurisdiction(Commission(IRS Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

526 South Church Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip code)

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(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240. 13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On September 2, 2011, Duke Energy Corporation and Progress Energy, Inc. issued a joint press release announcing a settlement with the North Carolina Public Staff regarding the companies proposed merger. Portions of this release are being filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Portions of the Joint Press Release of Duke Energy and Progress Energy dated September 2, 2011

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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: September 2, 2011 By: /s/ Marc E. Manly

Name: Marc E. Manly

Title: Group Executive, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate

Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description
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="MARGIN-LEFT: 0pt; TEXT-INDENT: 0pt; MARGIN-RIGHT: 0pt">Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

The information in this report set forth above under Item 1.01 regarding the termination of our previously existing revolving credit facility is incorporated herein by reference.

Item Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a 2.03. Registrant.

The information in this report set forth above under Item 1.01 regarding our new revolving credit facility is incorporated herein by reference.

Item Financial Statements and Exhibits. 9.01.

(d) **Exhibits**

No. Description

10Credit Agreement, dated as of December 21, 2009, by and among Highwoods Realty Limited Partnership, Highwoods Properties, Inc., Highwoods Services, Inc. and the lenders named therein

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller Jeffrey D. Miller

> Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: Highwoods Properties, Inc., its general partner

/s/ Jeffrey D. Miller By: Jeffrey D. Miller

Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary

Dated: December 22, 2009