

Duke Energy CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 18, 2006

**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): May 12, 2006**

**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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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01**

**Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On May 12, 2006, Duke Power Company LLC d/b/a Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ( Duke Energy Carolinas ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the registrant, entered into agreements (collectively, the Agreements ) with Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation, Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation and Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation (each, a Cooperative ) to provide wholesale electricity and related power scheduling services from September 1, 2006 through December 31, 2021. The Agreements provide for Duke Energy Carolinas to sell capacity and energy to each of the Cooperatives to meet all of the sales to Cooperative s native load requirements not served by the Cooperative s existing resources. The sales have a firmness equivalent to Duke Energy Carolinas native load. The agreements are subject to regulatory approvals and other conditions precedent.

**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: May 18, 2006

By: */s/ Steven K. Young*  
Name: Steven K. Young  
Title: Vice President and Controller