PROGRESS ENERGY INC Form 425 June 29, 2012

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): June 29, 2012

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

(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.)

550 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip code)

(704) 594-6200

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.
On June 29, 2012, the North Carolina Utilities Commission approved the merger between Duke Energy Corporation and Progress Energy, Inc. Also on June 29, 2012, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the PSCSC) issued a notice that a meeting would be held on July 2, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. to consider the Joint Dispatch Agreement. The effective time of the merger will depend on the outcome of the PSCSC meeting.
A copy of the merger scorecard is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.
Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(d) Exhibits.
99.1 Merger Scorecard

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: June 29, 2012 By: /s/ Marc E. Manly
Name: Marc E. Manly

Title: Group Executive, Chief Legal Officer

and Corporate Secretary

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Exhibit 99.1 Merger Scorecard Description

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