

Duke Energy CORP
Form 8-K
March 11, 2019

**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): **March 6, 2019**

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.)

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550 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(704) 382-3853

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

- Emerging growth company
 - If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 11, 2019, Duke Energy Corporation (the Company) consummated the issuance and sale of the securities described below pursuant to an underwriting agreement, dated March 6, 2019 (the Underwriting Agreement), with J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters named therein (the Underwriters), pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell to the Underwriters \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2022 and \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 3.227% Senior Notes due 2022 (collectively, the Securities). The Securities were sold to the Underwriters at par. The Securities were issued pursuant to an Indenture, dated as of June 3, 2008 (the Indenture), by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the Trustee), as amended and supplemented by various supplemental indentures thereto, including the Twenty-first Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 11, 2019 (the Supplemental Indenture), between the Company and the Trustee. The disclosure in this Item 8.01 is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of the Indenture, the Supplemental Indenture, together with the forms of global notes evidencing the Securities are included therein, is filed as Exhibit 4.1 hereto, and the Underwriting Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto. Such exhibits are incorporated herein by reference. Also, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities, the Company is filing a legal opinion regarding the validity of the Securities as Exhibit 5.1 to this Form 8-K for the purpose of incorporating the opinion into the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended, No. 333-213765.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 4.1 Twenty-first Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 11, 2019, to the indenture, dated as of June 3, 2008, between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee
- 5.1 Opinion regarding validity of the Securities
- 23.1 Consent (included as part of Exhibit 5.1)
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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: March 11, 2019

By: /s/ Robert T. Lucas III
Name: Robert T. Lucas III
Title: Assistant Corporate Secretary