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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): January 4, 2016

Commission file number

Registrant, State of Incorporation or Organization,

Address of Principal Executive Offices, and Telephone Number

**DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION** 

(a Delaware corporation) 550 South Tryon Street

Charlotte, North Carolina 28202-1803

704-382-3853

the registrant under any of the following provisions:

1-32853 20-2777218

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Identification No.

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

On January 4, 2016, the Board of Directors of Duke Energy Corporation (the "Company") adopted Amended and Restated By-Laws (the "Amended By-Laws") to implement proxy access. The Amended By-Laws are effective January 4, 2016.

Section 3.04 of the Amended By-Laws permits a shareholder, or a group of up to 20 shareholders, owning 3% or more of the Company's outstanding common stock continuously for at least 3 years to nominate and include in the Company's proxy materials director-nominees constituting up to 2 individuals or 20% of the board (whichever is greater), provided that the shareholder(s) and the director-nominee(s) satisfy the requirements specified in the Amended By-Laws.

This foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amended By-Laws filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements And Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- 3.1 Amended and Restated By-Laws of Duke Energy Corporation, effective January 4, 2016.

### **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: January 4, 2016 By: /s/ Julia S. Janson

Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

3.1 Amended and Restated By-Laws of Duke Energy Corporation, effective January 4, 2016.