

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
Form 8-K
November 30, 2011

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): **November 30, 2011**

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 28202-4200

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip code)

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(704) 382-3853

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

North Carolina
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-04928
(Commission
File Number)

56-0205520
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

526 South Church Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202-4200

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- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ 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 November 30, 2011, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Duke Energy Carolinas") reached an agreement with the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (the "ORS") on the rate case previously filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("PSCSC"). Pursuant to the agreement, Duke Energy Carolinas will receive an increase in base rates of approximately \$90.7 million, or approximately \$92.8 million upon confirmation by ORS that the Buck natural gas-fired power plant and Bridgewater hydroelectric station are both in service, with a return on equity of 10.5% and a 53% equity component. Duke Energy Carolinas also agreed to forgo a general rate case filing in 2012 and 2013, with base rates being updated annually in 2013 and 2014 for certain capital spending. The rate increase is expected to be effective in February 2012. The settlement is subject to the review and approval of the PSCSC.

An overview providing additional detail on the filing is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Duke Energy Carolinas Summary of Settlement Agreement with Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) South Carolina

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: November 30, 2011

By: /s/ Marc E. Manly

Name:

Marc E. Manly

Title:

Group Executive, Chief Legal Officer and
Corporate Secretary

DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC

Date: November 30, 2011

By: /s/ Marc E. Manly

Name:

Marc E. Manly

Title:

Group Executive and Chief Legal Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
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