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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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## **SCHEDULE 14A**



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| <p><b>Meeting Location</b></p> <p>The Annual Meeting for holders as of 03/13/08 is to be held on 05/08/08 at 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>at: Energy Center-O.J. Miller Auditorium</p> <p>526 South Church Street</p> <p>Charlotte, North Carolina 28202</p> |  | <p><b>Duke Energy</b></p> <p><b>Energy Center</b></p> <p><b>526 South Church Street</b></p> <p><b>Charlotte, NC 28202</b></p> <p><b>From I-77 North:</b></p> <p>Take the Morehead Street exit - 10A</p> <p>Turn Left onto Morehead Street</p> <p>Turn Left onto Mint Street</p> <p>Mint Street Parking Deck located adjacent to Bank of America Stadium</p> <p><b>From I-77 South:</b></p> <p>Take the I-277/John Belk Freeway/US-74/Wilkinson Blvd. exit - 9B</p> <p>Merge onto I-277 N/US-74 E.</p> <p>Take the Carson Blvd. exit - 1D</p> <p>Stay straight to Carson Blvd.</p> <p>Turn left onto Mint Street</p> <p>Mint Street Parking Deck located adjacent to Bank of America Stadium</p> <p><b>Free Parking available in the Mint Street Parking Deck.</b></p> <p>1 - Energy Center</p> <p>2 - Mint Street Parking Deck</p> <p>3 - Bank of America Stadium</p> |
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**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote For All Director nominees**

1. Election of eleven directors:

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|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------|
| 01) | William Barnet, III    | 07) | James T. Rhodes  |
| 02) | G. Alex Bernhardt, Sr. | 08) | James E. Rogers  |
| 03) | Michael G. Browning    | 09) | Mary L. Schapiro |
| 04) | Daniel R. DiMicco      | 10) | Philip R. Sharp  |
| 05) | Ann Maynard Gray       | 11) | Dudley S. Taft   |
| 06) | James H. Hance, Jr.    |     |                  |

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote For Proposals 2 and 3.**

2. Ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Duke Energy Corporation's independent public accountant for 2008
  3. Approval of the amended and restated Duke Energy Corporation Executive Short-Term Incentive Plan
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