Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. Form 8-K November 14, 2013

UNITED STATES 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 14, 2013

IRS Employer Identification Commission file Registrant, State of Incorporation or Organization, number Address of Principal Executive Offices, and Telephone Number No. 1-32853 20-2777218 **DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION** (a Delaware corporation) 550 South Tryon Street Charlotte, North Carolina 28202-1803 704-382-3853 1-232 31-0240030 **DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.** (an Ohio corporation)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 13, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) approved the partial settlement filed on April 2, 2013 by Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (the Company) related to its gas distribution rate case filed in June 2012. PUCO approved the recovery of environmental remediation costs associated with two of the Company s former manufactured gas plants (MGP). The order allows for the recovery of approximately \$55 million of environmental remediation costs over a five-year period. In addition, the order results in no increase to gas distribution base rates and is based upon a return on equity of 9.84% and a 53.3% equity component of the capital structure.

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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: November 14, 2013 By: /s/ Julia S. Janson Name: Julia S. Janson

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

and Corporate Secretary

DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

Date: November 14, 2013 By: /s/ Julia S. Janson

Name: Julia S. Janson

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