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Duke Energy CORP  
Form FWP  
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*Relating to Prospectus dated December 1, 2010*

*Registration Statement No. 333-170899*

*[Duke Energy Corporation Letterhead]*

[Name and address of shareholder]

**Your Account Number:**

Dear Shareholder:

Beginning January 1, 2012, administrators of dividend reinvestment plans (DRIPs) will be required to retain and accurately report cost basis information to shareholders and to the IRS on shares purchased through a DRIP. The most useful and investor-friendly reporting method available for determining basis of shares of stock applicable to DRIPs is the average basis method. In order to use this method, a DRIP must require reinvestment of at least 10% of the dividends paid on shares held in the DRIP beginning no later than January 1, 2011.

**In preparation for the cost basis reporting requirement change, the Duke Energy InvestorDirect Choice Plan will no longer offer the No Dividend Reinvestment option as currently outlined on page 6 of the Plan prospectus, dated February 19, 2009.**

Our records indicate that you currently hold shares in the Plan, but have not formally enrolled in the InvestorDirect Choice Plan as a means to either purchase additional shares directly from the company or reinvest any dividends earned from these Plan shares. We assume you would like Duke Energy to continue to hold your shares electronically and receive your dividends by check or direct deposit. Therefore, we will adjust your account by moving all whole shares into a book-entry, Direct Registration System (DRS) position. We will liquidate any remaining fractional share, for which you will receive a check. **Once the shares have been moved, you will continue to receive your dividends in the form of a check or by direct deposit. Your account number on our records will not change.**

If you do not wish for Duke Energy to make this change, you will need to change your reinvestment election by requesting that at least 10% of the dividends earned on your Plan shares be reinvested. You may use page 2 of this letter to make the change by selecting the appropriate option, having each shareholder sign his/her name, and returning the form to our office. A business reply envelope has been enclosed for your convenience.

If we do not receive your written reinvestment election change form (page 2) returned to our office by January 31, 2011, we will proceed with the changes outlined above.

If you have any additional questions regarding this change in the Plan and how it may impact you, please contact our office using the contact information provided above.

Thank you for your investment in Duke Energy Corporation.

Sincerely,

Investor Relations

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Account Number:

- .. Fully reinvest dividends on ALL shares.
- .. Reinvest dividends earned on all Plan shares, and pay all dividends in cash on certificates and DRS shares.
- .. Reinvest \_\_\_\_% of dividends earned on Plan shares only (minimum 10%), and pay all remaining dividends in cash.
- .. Reinvest \_\_\_\_% of dividends earned on all certificates, DRS and Plan shares (minimum 10%).

*Signatures: All shareholders who desire to conduct transactions on their account related to dividend reinvestment must be enrolled in the InvestorDirect Choice Plan. Any selection of these transactions combined with signatures of ALL owners on this form is a request to be enrolled in the Plan. You certify that the Plan Prospectus has been made available to you in electronic form at [www.duke-energy.com/investors/](http://www.duke-energy.com/investors/) or in paper form and you agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Plan.*

*Signature*

*Signature*

*Daytime Phone*

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***The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, the issuer will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling (800) 488-3853 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.***