

DUKE ENERGY CORP
Form 35-CERT
April 22, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

QUARTERLY FILING CERTIFICATE

PURSUANT TO ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTIONS

UNDER SECTION 3(b) TO

FOREIGN PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES

Release No 35-27497; File No. 70-10013

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

526 S. Church Street

Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

(Name of the company filing this certificate and address of its principal executive office)

Myron L. Caldwell

Vice President and

Treasurer

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By order issued March 8, 2002, the Commission granted the application of Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Energy) under section 3(b) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended. The Commission's order required Duke Energy to file, on a quarterly basis, a certificate containing certain information regarding the capitalization and senior debt ratings of Duke Energy. Pursuant to that requirement, Duke Energy hereby submits its certificate.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned officer of Duke Energy Corporation hereby certifies as follows:

1. The following table shows Duke Energy's total capitalization as of December 31, 2004

| <u>Capitalization (in millions of dollars)</u> | <u>December 31, 2004</u> |
|--|------------------------------|
| Notes Payable and Commercial Paper | \$ 68 |
| Long-Term Debt (including current portion) | 18,764 |
| Preferred and Preference Stock | 134 |
| Minority Interests | 1,486 |
| Total Common Stockholders' Equity | 16,441 |
| Total Capitalization | \$ 36,893 |

2. As of April 22, 2005, Duke Energy's senior unsecured debt ratings were Baa1 from Moody's Investors Service, Inc., and BBB from Standard & Poor's Rating Service, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand this 22nd day of April, 2005.

/s/ Myron L. Caldwell
Myron L. Caldwell

Vice President and Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert T. Lucas III
Robert T. Lucas III

Assistant Secretary

Dated: April 22, 2005