



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

March 12, 2019

Nancy M. Wright  
Duke Energy Corporation  
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Re: Duke Energy Corporation  
Incoming letter dated December 28, 2018

Dear Ms. Wright:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated December 28, 2018 concerning the shareholder proposal (the "Proposal") submitted to Duke Energy Corporation (the "Company") by Steven J. Milloy (the "Proponent") for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials for its upcoming annual meeting of security holders. We also have received correspondence from the Proponent dated January 10, 2019. Copies of all of the correspondence on which this response is based will be made available on our website at <http://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/cf-noaction/14a-8.shtml>. For your reference, a brief discussion of the Division's informal procedures regarding shareholder proposals is also available at the same website address.

Sincerely,

M. Hughes Bates  
Special Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Steven J. Milloy  
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**Response of the Office of Chief Counsel**  
**Division of Corporation Finance**

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The Proposal requests that the Company publish an annual report of actually incurred Company costs and associated actual/significant benefits accruing to shareholders, public health and the environment from the Company's environment-related activities that are voluntary and exceed federal/state regulatory requirements.

We are unable to concur in your view that the Company may exclude the Proposal under rule 14a-8(i)(3). We are unable to conclude that the Proposal, taken as a whole, is so inherently vague or indefinite that it is rendered materially misleading. Accordingly, we do not believe that the Company may omit the Proposal from its proxy materials in reliance on rule 14a-8(i)(3).

We are unable to concur in your view that the Company may exclude the Proposal under rule 14a-8(i)(7). In our view, the Proposal transcends ordinary business matters and does not seek to micromanage the Company to such a degree that exclusion of the Proposal would be appropriate. Accordingly, we do not believe that the Company may omit the Proposal from its proxy materials in reliance on rule 14a-8(i)(7).

We are unable to concur in your view that the Company may exclude the Proposal under rule 14a-8(i)(10). Based on the information you have presented, it does not appear that the Company's public disclosures compare favorably with the guidelines of the Proposal. Accordingly, we do not believe that the Company may omit the Proposal from its proxy materials in reliance on rule 14a-8(i)(10).

Sincerely,

Eric Envall  
Attorney-Adviser