

ALLIANT ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 30, 2009

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) October 30, 2009

Alliant Energy Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Wisconsin<br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation)                           | 1-9894<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 39-1380265<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| 4902 North Biltmore Lane, Madison, Wisconsin<br>(Address of principal executive offices) |                                       | 53718<br>(Zip Code)                                |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (608) 458-3311

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 30, 2009, Alliant Energy Corporation ("Alliant Energy") issued a press release announcing its earnings for the third quarter ended September 30, 2009. A copy of such press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

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Alliant Energy included in the press release third quarter 2009 income from continuing operations and earnings per share from continuing operations excluding a one-time non-cash charge related to Alliant Energy's tender offer for its Exchangeable Senior Notes due 2030 (Notes) and utility, non-regulated and parent earnings (losses) per share from continuing operations, which are non-GAAP (accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America) financial measures. Alliant Energy believes income from continuing operations and earnings per share from continuing operations excluding the charge related to the tender offer for the Notes is useful to investors because it provides an alternate measure to better understand and compare across periods the operating performance of Alliant Energy without the distortion of a non-cash charge that Alliant Energy does not expect to recur in future periods and to provide additional information about Alliant Energy's operations on a basis consistent with the measures that management uses to manage its operations and evaluate its performance. Alliant Energy believes utility, non-regulated and parent earnings (losses) per share from continuing operations are useful to investors because they facilitate an understanding of segment performance and trends and provide additional information about Alliant Energy's operations on a basis consistent with the measures that management uses to manage its operations and evaluate its performance. Alliant Energy's management also uses utility earnings per share from continuing operations to determine incentive compensation.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being furnished herewith:
  - (99.1) Alliant Energy Corporation press release dated October 30, 2009.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALLIANT ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: October 30, 2009

By: /s/ Thomas L. Hanson  
Thomas L. Hanson  
Vice President-Controller and  
Chief Accounting Officer

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Exhibit Index to Current Report on Form 8-K  
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