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## Financial Highlights

<i>Thousands of dollars, except per share amounts</i>	2008	2007	Change
<b>Operating results</b>			
Revenues	\$7,155,910	\$6,359,708	12.5%
Income from continuing operations	\$1,127,918	\$ 856,167	31.7%
Diluted earnings per share, from continuing operations	4.46	3.36	32.7%
Dividends per common share	1.14	.98	16.3%