

Annual Meeting

The date for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Duke Energy Shareholders has not been set. Shareholders will receive a meeting notice in advance.

Shareholder Services

Shareholders may call (800) 488-3853 or (704) 382-3853 with questions about their stock accounts, legal transfer requirements, address changes, replacement dividend checks, replacement of lost certificates or other services. Additionally, registered users of DUK-Online, our online account management service, may access their accounts through the Internet. Send written requests to:

Investor Relations
Duke Energy
P.O. Box 1005
Charlotte, NC 28201-1005

For electronic correspondence, visit www.duke-energy.com/contactIR.

Stock Exchange Listing

Duke Energy's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The company's common stock trading symbol is DUK.

Web Site Addresses

Corporate home page:
www.duke-energy.com
Investor Relations:
www.duke-energy.com/investors

InvestorDirect Choice Plan

The InvestorDirect Choice Plan provides a simple and convenient way to purchase common stock directly through the company, without incurring brokerage fees. Purchases may be made weekly. Bank drafts for monthly purchases, as well as a safekeeping option for depositing certificates into the plan, are available. The plan also provides for full reinvestment, direct deposit or cash payment of dividends. Additionally, participants may register for DUK-Online, our online account management tool.

Financial Publications

Duke Energy's current annual report, SEC Form 10-K and related financial publications can be found on our Web site at www.duke-energy.com/investors. Printed copies are also available on request.

Electronic Delivery

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we encourage shareholders to enroll in electronic delivery of financial information and proxy statements. Besides preserving our natural resources by reducing paper quantities, electronic delivery also significantly reduces the costs of printing and mailing. In 2007, Duke Energy will donate \$1 to The Nature Conservancy for every shareholder who selects electronic delivery rather than a printed copy of their 2006 annual report.

To enroll in electronic delivery, go to www.icsdelivery.com/duk. To learn more about the work of The Nature Conservancy, visit www.nature.org.

Duplicate Mailings

If your shares are registered in different accounts, you may receive duplicate mailings of annual reports, proxy statements and other shareholder information. Call Investor Relations for instructions on eliminating duplications or combining your accounts.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

Duke Energy maintains shareholder records and acts as transfer agent and registrar for the company's common stock issues.

Dividend Payment

Duke Energy has paid quarterly cash dividends on its common stock for 79 consecutive years. Dividends on common stock are expected to be paid, subject to declaration by the Board of Directors, on March 16, June 16, Sept. 18 and Dec. 18, 2006.

Bond Trustee

If you have questions regarding your bond account, call (800) 275-2048, or write to:
JPMorgan Chase Bank
Institutional Trust Services
P.O. Box 2320
Dallas, TX 75221-2320

We welcome your opinion on Duke Energy's 2005 Annual Report. Please visit www.duke-energy.com/investors, where you can view the online Annual Report and provide feedback on both the print and online versions. Or contact Investor Relations directly.

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