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**James E. Rogers Named 2013 United States Energy Award Recipient by the U.S. Energy Association**

Jim Rogers serves as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer for Duke Energy.

Rogers is currently in his 25<sup>th</sup> year as a CEO in the utility industry. Over that period, he has delivered an average total shareholder return of more than 12 percent per year by focusing on sustainable growth and executing a series of well-timed mergers, acquisitions and divestitures.

Rogers became Chairman, President and CEO of Duke Energy following the merger between Duke Energy and Cinergy in 2006, and continued in that role following the Duke Energy/Progress Energy merger in 2012. He previously served as Cinergy's Chairman and CEO for more than 11 years. Prior to the formation of Cinergy, he joined PSI Energy in 1988 as the company's Chairman, President and CEO. He also served as chairman of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI).

He has served as Deputy General Counsel for litigation and enforcement for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); Executive Vice President of interstate pipelines for the Enron Gas Pipeline Group; and as a partner in the Washington, D.C., law office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld.

Jim Rogers has illustrated support for the United States Energy Association and for the World Energy Council. He is a frequent speaker at USEA and WEC events and will be addressing the Korea Congress of the World Energy Council in Daegu in October 2013. Rogers was inducted in the USEA co-sponsored Energy Efficiency Forum Hall of Fame in 2009. He is responsible for both Cinergy and Duke Energy becoming members of USEA.

Over the past many years, Jim Rogers and Duke Energy have actively participated in the USEA International Utility Partnership capacity building program, which is funded by USAID. His companies have participated in numerous peer to peer exchanges and direct partnerships with developing country utilities focused on sharing their "utility best practices" in transmission, distribution and generation. It began when Jim assumed the CEO position at CINERGY and continued the capacity building utility partnership with Kazakhstanenergo, helping to privatize

its large generation units and improve the operations of its transmission and distribution business units. And, under the USEA partnership program, Duke partnered with the Egyptian Electricity Holding Company to share best practices in utility management and human resources development. Also, Duke hosted senior executives of the Nepal Electricity Authority to discuss power generation and distribution operations. In 2009, Duke engineers reviewed their transmission operating procedures with visiting executives from the Jordanian national transmission company. Recently, in the Fall of 2012, Duke Energy shared their distribution system planning and engineering practices with senior executives from 10 Pakistan distribution companies.

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