James E. Rogers

Chairman Duke Energy

Jim Rogers is chairman of Duke Energy's board of directors and served as the company's president and CEO until July 2013. Over the course of his 25 years as a CEO in the electric utility industry, Rogers delivered an average total shareholder return of more than 12 percent per year by focusing on sustainable growth, stakeholder engagement and finding business solutions to environmental challenges.

Rogers was named president and CEO of Duke Energy following the company's merger with Cinergy in 2006, and continued in that role after the Duke Energy/Progress Energy merger in 2012. He was Cinergy's chairman and CEO for more than 11 years and, prior to that, led PSI Energy as its chairman, president and CEO.

He has served as deputy general counsel for litigation and enforcement for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; 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. He has also worked as assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, where he advocated for the state's consumers in gas, electric and telephone rate cases.

Rogers has served on the boards of directors of eight Fortune 500 companies and numerous nonprofits, including his current role as chair of the Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership, a nonprofit organization composed of the world's leading electricity utilities. Rogers also sits on the boards of the Asia Society, the Aspen Institute, and Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development.

He was chairman of the Edison Electric Institute when it changed its position to support federal climate change legislation in 2007. He was also the founding chairman of the Institute for Electric Efficiency and past co-chair of both the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency and the Alliance to Save Energy.

During Rogers' tenure as CEO, Duke Energy was recognized as a leader in sustainability – balancing the "triple bottom line" of people, planet and profits. In 2010 and 2011, the company was named to the elite Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. Duke Energy was also part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for North America in each of the seven years Rogers served as the company's CEO.

He earned his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Kentucky, and lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.