

<div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</div> <div>2011</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011	
A	This return/report is for: <div><div>☐ a multiemployer plan;</div><div>☒ a single-employer plan;</div><div>☐ a multiple-employer plan; or</div><div>☐ a DFE (specify) ____</div></div>
B	This return/report is: <div><div>☐ the first return/report;</div><div>☐ the final return/report;</div><div>☐ an amended return/report;</div><div>☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).</div></div>
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☒
D	Check box if filing under: <div><div>☒ Form 5558;</div><div>☐ automatic extension;</div><div>☐ the DFVC program;</div><div>☐ special extension (enter description)</div></div>

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information	
1a	Name of plan DUKE ENERGY RSP FOR LEGACY CINERGY UNION EMPLOYEES (MIDWEST)	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
		1c Effective date of plan 10/01/1967
2a	Plan sponsor's name and address, including room or suite number (Employer, if for single-employer plan) DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION 550 SOUTH TRYON STREET DEC 38A CHARLOTTE, NC 28202	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-2777218 2c Sponsor's telephone number 704-382-5289 2d Business code (see instructions) 221100

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/10/2012	PETER KOSTIW
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/10/2012	PETER KOSTIW
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address (if same as plan sponsor, enter "Same") DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION BENEFITS COMMITTEE 550 SOUTH TRYON STREET DEC 38D CHARLOTTE, NC 28202	3b Administrator's EIN 20-2777218 3c Administrator's telephone number 704-382-5289
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4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name	4b EIN 4c PN
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5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	2946
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6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year (welfare plans complete only lines 6a , 6b , 6c , and 6d).		
a Active participants.....	6a	2513
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b	13
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....	6c	259
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a , 6b , and 6c	6d	2785
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.....	6e	8
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	2793
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....	6g	2200
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6h	23

7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	
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8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

2E 2H 2J 2O 3H 3I 2S 2R 2T

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information)
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2011
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For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011

A Name of plan DUKE ENERGY RSP FOR LEGACY CINERGY UNION EMPLOYEES (MIDWEST)	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-2777218

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64 37 65 71 60	RECORDKEEPER	210532	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	ADVISOR	6026	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3 If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
<p>(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation</p> <p>FKLN SMMIDCAP GRTH A - FRANKLIN TEM</p> <p>94-3167260</p>		
<p>(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.</p> <p>.40%</p>		
<p>(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2</p> <p>FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL</p>		
<p>(b) Service Codes (see instructions)</p> <p>60</p>		
<p>(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation</p> <p>0</p>		
<p>(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation</p> <p>TCW VALUE OPPTS I-U.S. BANCORP FUND P.O. BOX 701 MILWAUKEE, WI 53201</p>		
<p>(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.</p> <p>.35%</p>		
<p>(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2</p> <p>FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL</p>		
<p>(b) Service Codes (see instructions)</p> <p>60</p>		
<p>(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation</p> <p>0</p>		
<p>(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation</p> <p>BROKERAGE LINK</p> <p>04-2647786</p>		
<p>(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.</p> <p>ALL PLAN FEES ARE REVIEWED AND PAID BY PARTICIPANTS</p>		

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

Part III **Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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A Name of plan <u>DUKE ENERGY RSP FOR LEGACY CINERGY UNION EMPLOYEES (MIDWEST)</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>003</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>20-2777218</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DUKE ENERGY RETIRE. SAVINGS PLAN MT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

c EIN-PN <u>20-2777218-006</u>	d Entity code <u>M</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>334085163</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-2777218	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	433719	312253
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other.....	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities.....	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	11730391	11368529
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	318931557	334085163
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	331095667	345765945

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	331095667	345765945
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	6712964	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	13097444	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	329691	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		20140099
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	514270	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		514270
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
2b (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		27126562
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		47780931

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	30113779	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		30113779
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	171353	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		171353
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		30285132

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		17495799
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		2825521

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unqualified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: MCCONNELL JONES LLP

(2) EIN: 76-0488832

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

- 4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete 4l.

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		25000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?.....		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		X	

- 5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year..... ☐ Yes ☒ No Amount:

- 5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)

5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2011 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011

A Name of plan <u>DUKE ENERGY RSP FOR LEGACY CINERGY UNION EMPLOYEES (MIDWEST)</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>003</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>20-2777218</u>

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	<u>0</u>
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>04-6568107</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....	☐ Yes	☒ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☒ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.).....	☐ Yes	☒ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☒ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	14b	
c The second preceding plan year	14c	

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If item 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete items (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate item 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

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for Legacy Cinergy Union Employees
(Midwest)**

**Independent Auditors' Report
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NOTE: All other schedules described by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, have been omitted because they are not applicable.



Independent Auditors' Report

To the Benefits Committee of Duke Energy Corporation and Participants
Charlotte, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan for the Legacy Cinergy Union Employees (Midwest) (the Plan) as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2011. These financial statements are the responsibility of Plan management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by Plan management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2011 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. Such information is the responsibility of Plan management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with US GAAS. In our opinion, such information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

**Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan
For Legacy Cinergy Union Employees (Midwest)
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2011 and 2010
(In thousands)**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Assets		
Investments, at fair value		
Plan interest in Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan Master Trust	\$ 334,085	\$ 318,931
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	11,369	11,730
Employer's contributions	312	434
Total receivables	11,681	12,164
Net assets, at fair value	345,766	331,095
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in Duke		
Energy Retirement Savings Plan Master Trust relating to fully		
benefit-responsive investment contracts	(1,015)	(606)
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 344,751</u>	<u>\$ 330,489</u>

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2011
(In thousands)**

Additions to net income attributed to:

Investment income

Plan interest in net income of Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan Master Trust	\$ 26,718
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Interest income on notes receivable from participants	514
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Contributions

Participants'	13,097
Employer's	6,714
Participants' rollover	330

Total contributions	20,141
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Total additions	47,373
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	(30,114)
Administrative fees	(171)

Total deductions	(30,285)
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Net increase prior to transfers	17,088
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Inter-plan transfers, net	(2,826)
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Net increase	14,262
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Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	330,489
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Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ 344,751
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Note 1: Description of the Plan

The following description of the Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan for Legacy Cinergy Union Employees (Midwest) (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Energy), covering union employees represented by the following collective bargaining organizations:

The Utility Workers Union of America, Local 600

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1347 and Local 352

The United Steelworkers of America, Local 12049 and Local 54-106

The Employees' Representation Association

UNITE HERE Local 1995

Duke Energy and each of its affiliated companies that is at least 80% owned and that participates in the Plan are collectively referred to as Participating Companies. The Plan is administered by the Duke Energy Corporation Benefits Committee (Benefits Committee) and trusted by the Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity).

The purpose of the Plan is to provide an opportunity for eligible employees to enhance their long-range financial security through employee contributions, matching contributions from Participating Companies, and investment among certain investment funds, one of which provides an investment interest in Duke Energy common stock (Common Stock). The Plan is in part, an employee stock ownership plan and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

Contributions

Duke Energy automatically enrolls new full time employees eligible for the Plan. The contributions made to the Plan on the employee's behalf will be invested in one or more funds selected in accordance with procedures established by the Plan administrator. If an employee chooses not to participate, Fidelity, the recordkeeper, must be contacted by the employee to change the deferral rate to 0%.

Participants may elect to contribute (subject to certain limitations) in the form of pre-tax deferrals, Roth 401(k) contributions and/or after-tax contributions up to 75% of eligible earnings per pay period without regard to years of service. Various provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) may limit the deferrals of some highly compensated employees. All pre-tax deferrals are exempt, up to the allowed maximum, from federal and state income tax withholding in the year they are deferred, but

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are subject to payroll taxes. Participant deferrals are intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 401(k) of the IRC.

For participants classified as Duke Formula Employees, Duke Energy matches 100% of the first 6% of pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) contributions from the employee's eligible compensation. For participants not classified as Duke Formula Employees, Duke Energy matches 100% of the first 3% and 50% of the next 2% of pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) contributions from the employee's eligible compensation. Participants not classified as Duke Formula Employees could be entitled to an additional incentive match of up to a maximum of 1% of eligible compensation based upon meeting corporate goals. Participant after-tax contributions and matching contributions are intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 401(m) of the IRC.

Participants age 50 or older by the end of the year, may contribute an additional pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) contribution amount over and above the IRC limits each year. For 2011, the IRS allowed participants age 50 or older to contribute up to \$5,500 over and above the \$16,500 pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) contribution limit. Duke Energy does not provide a base company match or incentive match on these additional contributions.

Rollover Contributions to the Plan

Rollover contributions represent amounts recorded when participants elect to contribute amounts to their Plan accounts from other eligible, tax-qualified retirement plans or qualified individual retirement accounts. Rollover contributions of approximately \$330,000 were made to the Plan in 2011.

Investments

Participants may invest their Plan accounts in any or all of the core investment funds offered in the Plan. These core investment funds are institutional funds unavailable to investors outside of the Plan. The value of an account is updated each business day. As of December 31, 2011, 21 funds were offered for investment.

The Plan offers a brokerage option, BrokerageLink, whereby participants can elect to invest their Plan accounts in publicly traded securities (excluding Duke Energy securities) and mutual funds not offered directly by the Plan.

The Plan also offers an investment advisory services program through the independent investment advice and management services provider, Financial Engines Advisors, LLC. Participants in the program are charged an annual fee of .50% on their average account balance. Participants may cancel their participation in the program at any time without penalty.

Participant Accounts

Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Participating Company's contributions, and allocations of plan earnings and charged with benefit payments, allocations of Plan losses, and administrative expenses.

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Allocations are based on the participant's elections and earnings and/or account balance as defined in the Plan document.

The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. The selection from available investment funds is the sole responsibility of each participant, and the Plan is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 404(c) of ERISA. A participant may elect or change investment funds and/or the contribution allocation percentage among funds at any time.

Vesting and Distributions

A participant is 100% vested in his Plan account, with the exception of Deferred Profit Sharing contributions made by Duke Energy, which are vested after three years of service (or, while an employee, the occurrence of death, disability or attaining age 65). However, dividends on Common Stock on Deferred Profit Sharing contributions are vested immediately. Participants may elect to receive a cash payout of the account's allocation of the current dividend paid on Common Stock or to have that allocation reinvested in Common Stock through an annual election. Dividends paid in cash are taxable as a plan distribution for the calendar year in which they are paid and are not subject to the 10% federal tax penalty for early distributions and are not eligible for a rollover to an IRA or similar plan. The Plan provides for several different types of in-service withdrawals, including hardship and age 59 ½ withdrawals, and withdrawals of rollover and after-tax accounts at any time. A hardship distribution must comply with Section 401(k) of the IRC.

Forfeitures

Generally, upon termination of employment, participants' nonvested balances are forfeited. Such forfeitures can be applied to reduce employer contributions or Plan administrative expenses. At December 31, 2011 and 2010, unvested forfeitures of \$117,698 and \$110,273, respectively, were included in Plan assets.

Payments of Benefits

Upon termination of employment including retirement, death, or disability, a participant or, if the participant is deceased, his or her beneficiary, may request the distribution of the balance of the participant's Plan account. Distributions are made as soon as practicable after the occasion for the distribution, except that a participant (or spouse beneficiary) may elect that a distribution be delayed until no later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the participant attains age 70 ½. A non-spouse beneficiary of a deceased participant may elect that a distribution be delayed for up to five years following the date of death. Distributions are paid in a lump sum for vested benefits of \$1,000 or less.

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Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow, with some limitations, from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of (i) \$50,000 minus the highest outstanding loan balance during the 12-month period prior to the new loan, or (ii) 50% of their vested account balances. Loans are to be repaid within 58 months, or up to 15 years for the purchase of a primary residence, through regular payroll deductions (and, following termination of employment, as prescribed by the Benefits Committee). The loan is secured by 50% of the balance in the participant's Plan account at the issuance of the loan and bears interest at a rate of 1% more than the prime interest rate in effect at the issuance of the loan, as determined by the Benefits Committee. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions (and, following termination of employment, as prescribed by the Benefits Committee). Loan receipts will be reinvested based on the participant's investment election for employee contributions at the time of repayment.

Plan Termination

Duke Energy expects and intends to continue the Plan indefinitely, but has the right under the Plan to amend, suspend or terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of termination of the Plan, the net assets of the Plan would be distributed to participants based on their Plan accounts.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared on an accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP).

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Plan invests in various securities which are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, which is stated at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 8 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Investment contracts held by a defined-contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value. However, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined-contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment

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contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits present the fair value of the Plan's investment contracts as well as the adjustment from fair value to contract value for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits to be prepared on a contract value basis for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract. Contract value represents contributions and reinvested income, less any withdrawals plus accrued interest, because these investments have fully benefit-responsive features.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Transfers of assets between the Plan, the Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan, and the Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan for Legacy Cinergy Union Employees (IBEW 1393), occur as a result of changes in employee status between the union classification and the exempt and non-exempt classifications. Such transfers are reflected as interplan transfers in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2011 and 2010. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

Payments of Benefits

Benefits paid to participants are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

A portion of the administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by Duke Energy.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued a standard to improve disclosures about fair value measurements. Certain provisions to the standard are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, while other provisions are effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2010. The adoption of the accounting standard did not impact the Plan's financial statements.

In May 2011, the FASB amended existing requirements for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements. This revised guidance results in a consistent definition of fair value, as well as common requirements for measurement and disclosure of fair value information between US GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). In addition, the amendments set forth enhanced disclosure requirements with respect to recurring Level 3 measurements, nonfinancial assets measured or disclosed at fair value, transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy, and assets and liabilities disclosed but not recorded at fair value. For the Plan,

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the revised fair value measurement guidance is effective on a prospective basis for periods beginning after January 1, 2012. The adoption of the accounting standard will not impact the Plan's financial statements.

Note 3. Investments

The Plan is a participant in the Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan Master Trust (RSP Master Trust). The RSP Master Trust was established on January 1, 2008 for certain defined contribution 401(k) plans sponsored by Duke Energy. Duke Energy also sponsors the following plans, whose investments are held in the RSP Master Trust:

The Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan for Legacy Cinergy Union Employees (IBEW 1393), which covers union employees of Cinergy Corp.'s subsidiaries represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1393.

The Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan, which covers non-union and certain union employees' of Duke Energy Corporation and subsidiaries who meet minimum age requirements.

The following presents the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits of the RSP Master Trust as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 (in thousands):

	<u>2011</u>		<u>2010</u>	
	<u>RSP Master</u>	<u>Plan</u>	<u>RSP Master</u>	<u>Plan</u>
	<u>Trust</u>	<u>interest</u>	<u>Trust</u>	<u>interest</u>
		<u>(%)</u>		<u>(%)</u>
Assets				
Investments, at fair value				
Institutional funds	\$ 1,565,009	8	\$ 1,495,296	8
Duke Energy Common Stock Fund	1,357,602	9	1,216,090	8
Stable value fund	373,197	8	295,340	8
Mutual funds	216,433	19	227,084	21
Non-employer common stock	153,177	10	144,960	10
Interest-bearing cash	43,337	19	37,215	19
Corporate debt	1,102	36	608	—
US government securities	15	—	10	—
Total investments	<u>3,709,872</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3,416,603</u>	<u>10</u>

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	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
	<u>RSP Master Trust</u>	<u>RSP Master Trust</u>
	<u>Plan interest (%)</u>	<u>Plan interest (%)</u>
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	78,957	76,763
Employer's contributions	1,823	3,694
Total receivables	<u>80,780</u>	<u>80,457</u>
Net assets, at fair value	3,790,652	3,497,060
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan Master Trust relating to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	<u>(12,309)</u>	<u>(7,712)</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 3,778,343</u>	<u>\$ 3,489,348</u>

Investments and income from the RSP Master Trust are allocated to the participating plans based on each plan's participation in the investment option within the RSP Master Trust. Allocations of Net Assets Available for Benefits in the RSP Master Trust to participating plans as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 are as follows (in thousands):

	<u>2011</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan	\$ 3,240,676	86
Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan for Legacy Cinergy Union Employees (Midwest)	344,751	9
Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan for Legacy Cinergy Union Employees (IBEW 1393)	<u>192,916</u>	<u>5</u>
Net assets available for benefits - RSP Master Trust	<u>\$ 3,778,343</u>	<u>100</u>

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	2010	
	Amount	Percentage
Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan	\$ 2,971,807	85
Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan for Legacy Cinergy Union Employees (Midwest)	330,489	10
Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan for Legacy Cinergy Union Employees (IBEW 1393)	187,052	5
Net assets available for benefits - RSP Master Trust	<u>\$ 3,489,348</u>	<u>100</u>

The following presents the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits of the RSP Master Trust for the year ended December 31, 2011 (in thousands):

Additions to net income attributed to:

Investment income

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	
Duke Energy Common Stock Fund	\$ 265,209
Institutional funds	(12,133)
Mutual funds	(17,231)
Non-employer common stock	3,231
Stable value fund	9,103
Total net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>248,179</u>
Interest and dividends	<u>63,650</u>
Total additions	<u>311,829</u>

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Administrative fees	<u>(1,575)</u>
Total deductions	<u>(1,575)</u>

Net increase prior to transfers 310,254

Transfers in	229,455
Transfers out	<u>(250,714)</u>

Net increase 288,995

Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year 3,489,348

Net assets available for benefits, end of year \$ 3,778,343

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Allocations of the increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits in the RSP Master Trust to participating plans for the year ended December 31, 2011 are as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan	\$ 268,869	93
Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan for Legacy Cinergy Union Employees (Midwest)	14,262	5
Duke Energy Retirement Savings Plan for Legacy Cinergy Union Employees (IBEW 1393)	<u>5,864</u>	<u>2</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits - RSP Master Trust	<u>\$ 288,995</u>	<u>100</u>

The fair value of individual investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 are as follows (in thousands):

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
*Duke Energy Common Stock Fund	\$ 116,881	\$ 106,614
Stable Value Fund	30,775	23,209
US Equity Large Cap Value Fund	18,013	16,543
US Equity S&P 500 Index Fund	18,355	—

* Denotes a party-in-interest.

Note 4. Exempt Party-in-Interest Transactions

Fidelity is the Trustee for all Plan investments, as defined by the Plan. Fidelity invests the Duke Energy Common Stock Fund in shares of Common Stock. Additionally, a portion of the Duke Energy Common Stock Fund and certain other core investment funds offered in the Plan is maintained in cash. Fidelity administers the cash at the direction of Duke Energy or the respective fund managers, and therefore, such transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Transactions pertaining to Fidelity funds held in individual participant BrokerageLink accounts also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Note 5. Federal Income Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Plan by a letter dated December 9, 2002, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan administrator believes the Plan is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and the Plan and the related trust continue to be tax exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been recorded in the Plan's financial statements.

US GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. There are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that

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would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is not currently under audit by any taxing jurisdictions. Plan management believes it is no longer subject to income tax examination for years prior to 2008.

Note 6. Investment Risk

Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks. Further, due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

The Plan has invested a significant portion of its assets in the Duke Energy Common Stock Fund. This investment in the Duke Energy Common Stock Fund approximates 34% and 32% of the Plan's net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. As a result of this concentration, any significant fluctuation in the market value of the Duke Energy Common Stock Fund could affect individual participant accounts and the net assets of the Plan.

Note 7. Benefit-Responsive Investments

The Plan has interest in a Stable Value Fund that has investments in fixed income securities and bond funds and may include derivative instruments, such as futures contracts and swap agreements. The Stable Value Fund also enters into a wrapper contract issued by a third-party.

As described in Note 2, because these contracts are fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to these contracts. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

Occurrence of certain events may limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. The Plan administrator does not believe that the occurrence of such an event is probable.

There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The crediting interest rate is based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer, but it may not be less than zero percent. Such interest rates are reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting.

The yield earned by the contract for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 was 2.08% and 2.75%, respectively. This represents the annualized earnings of all investments in the contract, including the earnings recorded at the underlying collective trust funds, divided by the fair value of all investments in the contract.

The yield earned by the contract with an adjustment to reflect the actual interest rate credited to participants in the contract for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 was 2.87% and 3.44%,

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respectively. This represents the annualized earnings credited to participants in the contract divided by the fair value of all investments in the contract.

As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, the contract values of the Plan's Stable Value Fund were approximately \$29,760,000 and \$22,603,000, respectively. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, the fair values of the Plan's Stable Value Fund were approximately \$30,775,000 and \$23,209,000, respectively. Fair value adjustments of \$(1,015,000) and \$(606,000) were recorded on the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Note 8. Fair Value Measurements

The FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820), defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in US GAAP and expands disclosure requirements about fair value measurements. Under ASC 820, fair value is considered to be the exchange price in an orderly transaction between market participants to sell an asset or transfer a liability at the measurement date. The fair value definition under ASC 820, focuses on an exit price, which is the price that would be received by the Plan to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability versus an entry price, which would be the price paid to acquire an asset or received to assume a liability. Although ASC 820, does not require additional fair value measurements, it applies to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements.

Under the amended guidance of FASB Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2009-12, *Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent)* (ASU 2009-12), entities are permitted, as a practical expedient, to estimate the fair value of investments within its scope using the NAV per share of the investment as of the reporting entity's measurement dates. The amended guidance also requires additional disclosures to better enable users of the financial statements to understand the nature and risks of the reporting entity's investments that fall under these rules. As a result of adopting ASU 2009-12, the Plan has provided additional disclosures regarding the nature and risks of investments within the scope of this guidance.

The Plan determines fair value of financial assets and liabilities based on the following fair value hierarchy, as prescribed by ASC 820, which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels:

Level 1 inputs: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan has the ability to access. An active market for the asset or liability is one in which transactions for the asset or liability occurs with sufficient frequency and volume to provide ongoing pricing information.

Level 2 inputs: Inputs other than quoted market prices included in Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, for the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include, but are not limited to, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in an active market, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active and inputs other than quoted market prices that are observable for the asset or liability, such as interest rate curves and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, volatilities, credit risk and default rates.

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Level 3 inputs: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs reflect the Plan's own assumptions about the factors that other market participants would use in pricing an investment that would be based on the best information available in the circumstances.

The following table provides by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the RSP Master Trust's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 (in thousands):

Description	2011			
	<u>Total Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Common Stock				
Duke Energy Common Stock Fund	\$ 1,357,602	\$ 1,357,602	\$ —	\$ —
Institutional funds				
Large cap	650,331	—	650,331	—
Blended	481,996	—	481,996	—
International	126,378	—	126,378	—
Small/mid cap	152,926	—	152,926	—
Fixed income blend	153,378	—	153,378	—
BrokerageLink				
Mutual funds	216,433	—	216,433	—
Non-employer common stock	153,177	153,177	—	—
Interest-bearing cash	43,337	43,337	—	—
Corporate debt	1,102	1,102	—	—
US government securities	15	15	—	—
Stable value fund	373,197	—	373,197	—
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 3,709,872</u>	<u>\$ 1,555,233</u>	<u>\$ 2,154,639</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Description	2010			
	<u>Total Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Common Stock				
Duke Energy Common Stock Fund	\$ 1,216,090	\$ 1,216,090	\$ —	\$ —
Institutional funds				
Large cap	536,997	—	536,997	—
Blended	516,520	—	516,520	—
International	146,617	—	146,617	—
Small/mid cap	172,052	—	172,052	—
Fixed income blend	123,110	—	123,110	—
BrokerageLink				
Mutual funds	227,084	—	227,084	—
Non-employer common stock	144,960	144,960	—	—

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	2010			
	<u>Total Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Interest-bearing cash	37,215	37,215	—	—
Corporate debt	608	608	—	—
US government securities	10	10	—	—
Stable value fund	295,340	—	295,340	—
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 3,416,603</u>	<u>\$ 1,398,883</u>	<u>\$ 2,017,720</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Valuation methods of the primary fair value measurements disclosed above are as follows. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2011 and 2010.

Common stock/US Government securities: Valued at the closing price in the principal active market on which the securities are traded. Principal active markets include published exchanges such as NASDAQ, NYSE, NYMEX and Chicago Board of Trade, as well as pink sheets, which is an electronic quotation system that displays quotes for broker-dealers for many over-the-counter securities.

Corporate debt: Most debt investments are valued based on a calculation using interest rate curves and credit spreads applied to the terms of the debt instrument (maturity and coupon interest rate) and consider the counterparty credit rating. The Plan's investments in corporate debt are valued using Level 1 measurements.

Institutional funds – Large cap: Includes investments in large US value stocks to provide investors with a method for capturing returns of the market of large US value stocks and achieving capital appreciation and over the long term, with an acceptance of the volatility inherent to large US stocks. The fair value of these investments has been estimated using the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end. Net asset value is not a publicly-quoted price in an active market. There are currently no redemption restrictions or redemption notice period, and the redemption frequency was immediate for these funds.

Institutional funds – Blended: Includes a diversified blend of stocks, bonds, and short-term investments, professionally managed to provide an investment portfolio based on a target date of age 65. The fair value of these investments has been estimated using the net asset value of units held by the Plan at year end. Net asset value is not a publicly-quoted price in an active market. There are currently no redemption restrictions or redemption notice period, and the redemption frequency was immediate for these funds.

Institutional funds – International: Includes diversified investments in the equity of developed and emerging market countries other than the US, ranging from large to micro cap capitalizations, to provide investors with a method for capturing returns of these equity markets, and achieving capital appreciation and income over the long term, with an acceptance of volatility inherent in the developed and emerging non-US markets in aggregate. The fair value of these investments has been estimated using the net asset value of units held by the Plan at year end. Net asset value

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is not a publicly-quoted price in an active market. There are currently no redemption restrictions or redemption notice period, and the redemption frequency was immediate for these funds.

Institutional funds – Small/mid cap: Includes diversified investments of common stocks issued by US companies with small to mid capitalizations, attempting to generate investment returns that exceed those of the Russell 2500[®] Index over a market cycle for investors seeking growth and income and capital appreciation over the long-term, with an acceptance of the volatility inherent in the small/mid size company segment of the US market. The fair value of these investments has been estimated using the net asset value of units held by the Plan at year end. Net asset value is not a publicly-quoted price in an active market. There are currently no redemption restrictions or redemption notice period, and the redemption frequency was immediate for these funds.

Institutional funds – Fixed income blend: Includes investments in a full range of investment grade fixed income securities and small opportunistic allocations to below investment grade and non-dollar bonds for investors seeking current income and the relative security of principal, compared to equity investments. The fair value of these investments has been estimated using the net asset value of units held by the Plan at year end. Net asset value is not a publicly-quoted price in an active market. There are currently no redemption restrictions or redemption notice period, and the redemption frequency was immediate for these funds.

Mutual funds: Valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end. The Plans' investments in mutual funds within the BrokerageLink account are valued using Level 2 measurements.

Stable value fund: Valued at contract value, which approximates fair value, and represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

Note 9. Plan Changes

Effective as of January 1, 2012, the Plan was amended as follows:

Effective upon occurrence of the merger of Duke Energy with Progress Energy, Inc. (in accordance with the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated January 8, 2011), the Plan excludes Progress Energy Inc. employees from participation

Modifies the provisions regarding Plan administration

Makes certain clarifications regarding compensation, named fiduciaries, and the Investment Committee

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Note 10. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500:

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500 as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 (in thousands):

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 344,751	\$ 330,489
Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive contract	1,015	606
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 345,766</u>	<u>\$ 331,095</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the Plan's change in net assets available for benefits reported per the financial statements to Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2011 (in thousands):

Increase in net assets available for benefits per financial statements	\$ 14,262
Change in adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive investment contract	409
Increase in net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 14,671</u>

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(In thousands)

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Market Value
*	Notes Receivable From Participants	Participant Loans Interest Rates 4.25% - 9.25% Maturities ranging from 2012- 2026	– 0 –	11,369
	Total			<u>\$11,369</u>

* Denotes a party-in-interest