

Duke Energy Executive Profile



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Stick Williams is vice president of corporate community affairs for Duke Energy and president of The Duke Energy Foundation. He leads the company's philanthropy through The Duke Energy Foundation, which focuses on improving the quality of life in the communities it serves.

Previously, Williams served as senior vice president of environment, health and safety, leading the group responsible for the company's environmental compliance, and its health and safety programs.

Williams joined Duke Power in 1979 as a financial analyst. After a series of promotions in finance, he was named manager of investor relations in 1984. He was named branch manager of the Shelby office in 1989; district manager for the Chapel Hill area in 1990; Triangle-area manager in 1991; and general manager of business and community relations in 1995. In 1997, he was named vice president of business and community relations for North Carolina, responsible for managing the company's response to both business and community concerns in the state. In 2002, Williams was named vice president of diversity and business ethics, initiatives, policies and practices and served as compliance officer for the corporation. He was named vice president of diversity and employee development in 2004 and senior vice president of enterprise field services in 2006.

The Greensboro, N.C., native graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting.

Williams is co-chair of Project LIFT, an innovative philanthropic initiative to address educational issues in the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools' West Charlotte Corridor. He serves on the boards of directors of Hope Haven Inc. and the Bank of Commerce of North Carolina. He also serves on the board of advisors of the Carolinas HealthCare System. Williams is immediate past chairman of the board of directors of the YMCA of Greater Charlotte and the board of trustees of the Mint Museum. He is also past chairman of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill board of trustees, the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce and the UNC-Chapel Hill General Alumni Association. He is also a past board member of Communities In Schools of North Carolina.

Williams was born in 1953. He and his wife, Teresa, have three daughters and one grandchild.

Duke Energy, the largest electric power company in the United States, supplies and delivers electricity to approximately 7 million customers in the Southeast and Midwest. The company also distributes natural gas in Ohio and Kentucky. Its commercial power and international businesses operate diverse power generation assets in North America and Latin America, including a growing renewable energy portfolio. Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Duke Energy is a Fortune 250 company traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DUK.