**James (Jim) E.Mehring**

*Vice President Ohio and Kentucky Gas Operations*

*Duke Energy*

Jim Mehring is vice president of Ohio and Kentucky Gas Operations for Duke Energy. In this role, he has oversight of natural gas transmission and distribution operations (includes construction and maintenance), gas engineering, gas transportation, gas customer accounts and projects, and performance and compliance management. He was named to his current position in June 2010.

Previously, Mehring served as vice president of Midwest Field Operations for Duke Energy. He was responsible for transmission and distribution construction and maintenance, substation construction and maintenance, customer service engineering, and electric outage response for the Duke Energy Midwest service area.

Mehring’s 34-year career with PSI Energy, Cinergy, and Duke Energy includes several assignments in field work, safety and training, electric distribution control center coordination, and field management. Mehring began his career as a lineman apprentice with PSI Energy in January 1977. He has held numerous management positions in the field operations organization directing line construction and maintenance, substation construction and maintenance, electrical system operations, safety, engineering, and now natural gas operations.

Mehring is also active in the community. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors and an Executive Committee member for the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the American Red Cross. He serves as the board liaison to the Health and Safety Committee. Throughout his career he has held board seats on various community boards such as the Chamber of Commerce and local Economic Development Boards. He has participated in many industry/education partnership committees during his career at Duke Energy.

In addition to his community involvement, Mehring also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Ohio Gas Association, where he is the trustee liaison to the Accident Prevention and Safety Training committee. He is also a member of the Operating Management committee for the American Gas Association.

Mehring and his wife, Tonya, have five daughters and one son.

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