May 7, 2020
12:30 p.m. Eastern time
Via live webcast at duke-energy.onlineshareholdermeeting.com

We will convene Duke Energy’s Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. Eastern time via live webcast at duke-energy.onlineshareholdermeeting.com. Though we plan to hold the Annual Meeting live via webcast on May 7, 2020, we recognize that the challenging and rapidly changing environment caused by the COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate that we re-evaluate our plans for the Annual Meeting at some point in the future. Should the time or date of the Annual Meeting change, we will announce the change by issuing a press release and filing additional proxy materials with the SEC.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to consider and take action on the following:
1. Election of directors;
2. Ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Duke Energy’s independent registered public accounting firm for 2020;
3. Advisory vote to approve Duke Energy’s named executive officer compensation;
4. Four shareholder proposals; and
5. Any other business that may properly come before the meeting (or any adjournment or postponement of the meeting).

Holders of Duke Energy’s common stock as of the close of business on the record date of March 9, 2020, are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting by visiting duke-energy.onlineshareholdermeeting.com. To participate in the Annual Meeting via live webcast, you will need the 16-digit control number, which can be found on your Notice, on your proxy card, and on the instructions that accompany your proxy materials. The Annual Meeting will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. Eastern time. Online check-in will begin at 12:00 p.m. Eastern time. Please allow ample time for the online check-in process. An audio broadcast of the Annual Meeting will be available by phone toll-free at 1.800.289.0438, confirmation code 1802740.

Holding the Annual Meeting via live webcast allows us to communicate more effectively with more of our shareholders. On our pre-meeting forum at proxyvote.com, you can submit questions in writing in advance of the Annual Meeting, access copies of proxy materials, and vote.

This year we once again plan to provide our proxy materials to our shareholders electronically. By doing so, most of our shareholders will only receive the Notice containing instructions on how to access the proxy materials electronically and vote online, by phone, or by mail. If you would like to request paper copies of the proxy materials, you may follow the instructions on the Notice. If you receive paper copies of the proxy materials, we ask you to consider signing up to receive these materials electronically in the future by following the instructions contained in this proxy statement. By delivering proxy materials electronically, we can reduce the consumption of natural resources and the cost of printing and mailing our proxy materials.

Please take time to vote now. If you choose to vote by mail, you may do so by marking, dating, and signing the proxy card, and returning it to us. Please follow the voting instructions, which can be found on your proxy card. Regardless of the manner in which you vote, we urge and greatly appreciate your prompt response.

Dated: March 26, 2020

By order of the Board of Directors,

David B. Fountain
Senior Vice President, Legal, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary