

# PPL Corp. Stock Price Increases 90 Percent in Third Quarter, Third-Best in S&P 500

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During the third quarter of 2000, the common stock price of PPL Corp. (NYSE: PPL) increased 90 percent, a greater growth rate than any other electric utility stock and a greater growth rate than all but two of the stocks that are part of the entire Standard & Poors 500 Index.

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The increase -- from \$21-15/16 to \$41-3/4 per share -- also outpaced the Dow Jones Utility Average quarterly gain by a three-to-one margin.

"The improvement in our stock price is especially gratifying because we believe much of the movement is based on our rock-solid performance over the past couple of years and on our forecasts for continued growth," said William F. Hecht, PPL's chairman, president and chief executive officer. "We have established a deliberate growth strategy to make the most of opportunities in the evolving energy marketplace, and that strategy is successful. Investors have taken notice."

PPL earned 64 cents per share in the second quarter of 2000, marking the sixth straight time the company met or exceeded financial analysts' quarterly earnings estimates. Since the start of the year, PPL has increased its annual earnings forecasts several times -- all the way from \$2.60 to \$3.00 per share for 2000 and from \$2.95 to a range of \$3.20 to \$3.30 per share for 2001.

The company expects to announce third quarter earnings on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Hecht said PPL's integrated corporate strategy is clear, focused and well defined:

- To generate and sell competitively priced energy in key U.S. markets;  
and
- To operate high-quality energy delivery businesses in selected regions  
around the world.

Hecht said strong performance across the company's business lines is behind the earnings growth so far in 2000.

He also said the strong stock price performance in the third quarter validates the outstanding efforts of employees from the PPL family of companies in the U.S. and abroad.

"We are proud of what our employees are accomplishing as they continue to grow value for our shareowners," said Hecht.

Based in Allentown, Pa., PPL Corp. is a FORTUNE 500® company that delivers electricity and natural gas to more than 1.3 million customers in Pennsylvania; markets wholesale or retail energy in 43 U.S. states and Canada; provides energy services for businesses in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern U.S.; generates electricity at power plants in Pennsylvania, Maine and Montana; delivers electricity to 1.4 million customers in southwest Britain; and delivers electricity to nearly 1.8 million customers in Chile, Bolivia, El Salvador and Brazil.

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