

PPL to Pay Quarterly Stock Dividends Oct. 1; Level Reflects Previously Announced 8.7 Percent Increase, Stock Split

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As previously announced, PPL Corporation (NYSE: PPL) will pay a quarterly common stock dividend of \$0.25 per share on Oct. 1, 2005, to shareowners of record as of Sept. 9, 2005. The dividend amount reflects the 2-for-1 stock split that occurred Aug. 24. This is the company's 239th consecutive quarterly stock dividend.

On Aug. 2, PPL's Board of Directors approved the stock split and declared an 8.7 percent increase in the company's common stock dividend. At that time, PPL also said the Oct. 1 dividend would be adjusted for the 2-for-1 stock split. With this adjustment, the dividend now is \$0.25 per share, or \$1.00 per share on an annualized basis.

"We expect PPL's business model to produce compound annual growth in earnings in the range of 6 to 7 percent over the remainder of the decade, even while we pay a robust dividend," said William F. Hecht, PPL's chairman and chief executive officer. "We also now expect to reach a dividend payout ratio of 50 percent in 2006, a year earlier than we originally expected." All future dividend decisions, Hecht noted, are subject to the board of directors' quarterly dividend declarations, based on the company's financial position and other relevant considerations at the time.

Since 2000, PPL has doubled its dividend, increasing it on six separate occasions.

The additional shares of PPL common stock resulting from the stock split were distributed on Aug. 24 to shareowners of record as of Aug. 17. This was the first stock split for PPL since 1992; it brings the company's number of outstanding common shares to about 380 million.

In addition, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, a PPL subsidiary, has declared the following quarterly dividends on its preferred stock, payable on Oct. 1, 2005, to shareowners of record as of Sept. 9, 2005.

Preferred	
4-1/2%	\$1.125
3.35% Series	\$0.8375
4.40% Series	\$1.10
4.60% Series	\$1.15
6.75% Series	\$1.6875

PPL Corporation, headquartered in Allentown, Pa., controls about 12,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the United States, sells energy in key U.S. markets and delivers electricity to 5 million customers in Pennsylvania, the United Kingdom and Latin America. More information is available at <http://www.pplweb.com/>.

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