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Research Note

Electric Utilities Energy Prices – What if the Drop Isn't Temporary?

	Price	Y-t-d	12 Mos.
Intra-day	9/27	%	%
Dow Industrials	11,707	9	12
Phil. Electric Index	463	9	4

While listening in on the Merrill Lynch Utility Conference this morning (thanks to Regulation Fair Disclosure (FD) and the Internet), managements of Duke Energy (DUK-\$31, Rated Hold) and Dominion Resources (D-\$78, Hold) expressed little concern over the drop in energy prices, implying the dip is temporary. Fred Fowler, head of Duke's gas business, indicated that the correction was long overdue. (If only he had talked to the folks at Amaranth Advisors.) Price drops may be temporary; we can't claim any particular expertise, but we're not sure management success in forecasting has been stellar. Seems like only a few months ago, several company managements were drooling over 1) profit potential, as oil and gas hedges rolled off and were re-priced at market, 2) expanding unconventional gas (shale) exploration, and 3) nuclear and coal operators widening margins versus natural gas. But if the decline is temporary, why are futures also dropping?

Table 1 is simple arithmetic as we averaged NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas and NYMEX crude oil quotes inter-day as of this morning versus September 15, 2006. The average for 2006 is the October-December and 2007-2010 is the price for the January-December periods.

Table 1
Average Annual Quotes
Based on Intra-day Prices

NYMEX Henry Hub Natural Gas	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
9/15/06	6.373	7.926	8.330	8.028	7.769
9/27/06	5.870	7.598	7.854	7.643	7.510
Change per mcf	(0.503)	(0.328)	(0.476)	(0.385)	(0.259)
Change %	(8)	(4)	(6)	(5)	(3)
NYMEX Crude Oil	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
9/15/06	64.07	69.53	72.57	67.96	70.29
9/27/06	61.33	65.02	67.45	70.32	71.38
Change Per Barrel	(2.740)	(4.510)	(5.120)	2.360	1.090
Change %	(4)	(6)	(7)	3	2

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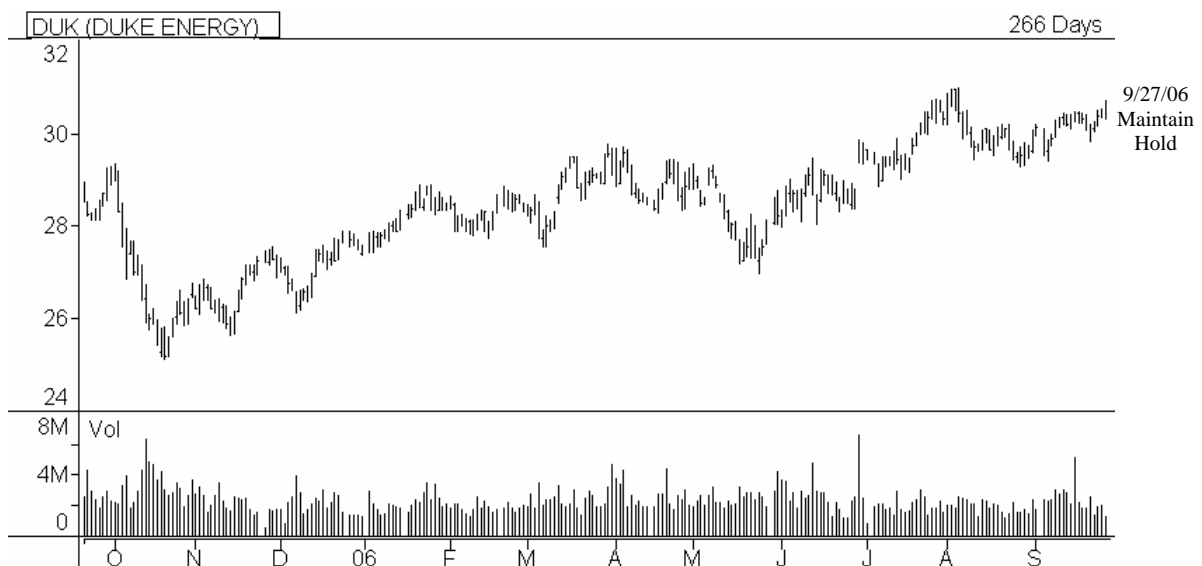
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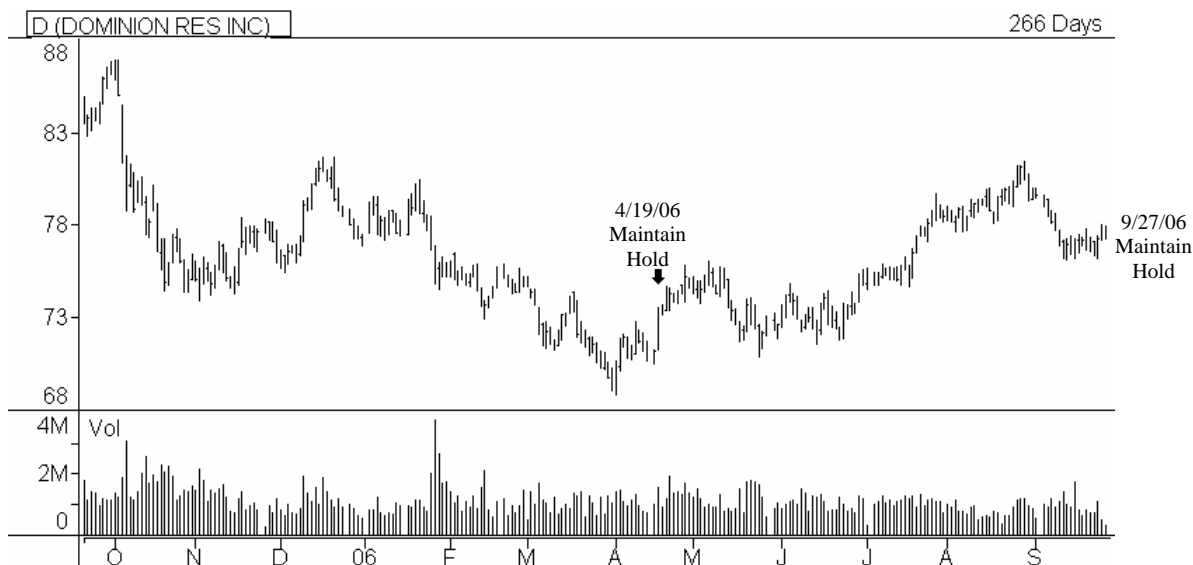
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