GE Reverse Stock Split Frequently Asked Questions

As of August 2, 2021

On July 30, 2021, GE announced that it completed the 1-for-8 reverse stock split, a corresponding proportionate reduction in the number of shares of GE common stock, authorized for issuance under the certificate of incorporation, and reduction in the par value of GE common stock to $0.01 per share. The Reverse Stock Split was previously approved by GE shareholders at the annual shareholders meeting on May 4, 2021. GE filed an amendment to its certificate of incorporation to effectuate the reverse stock split on July 30, 2021, and GE common stock began trading on a split-adjusted basis on August 2, 2021.

Additional information relating to the Reverse Stock Split was included in the definitive proxy statement for the 2021 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2021 (the “Proxy Statement”).

What is a reverse stock split?

A reverse stock split exchanges a fixed number of existing shares for a smaller number of new shares. The new shares initially have a higher price, but there are fewer of them.

At a ratio of 1-for-8, every 8 shares of GE common stock was automatically combined into 1 share and the stock price initially increased proportionately. This reduced the number of outstanding shares from ~8.8 billion shares to ~1.1 billion shares.

Why did GE do a reverse stock split?

In recent years, as GE’s transformation has accelerated, we divested significant businesses, from NBC Universal to Oil & Gas and – with the recently announced sale of GECAS - nearly all of GE Capital. Through these divestitures, we did not reduce our share count proportionally—leaving us in the unusual position of having nearly 8.8 billion shares outstanding, a much higher share count than other industrial companies.

The purpose of the reverse stock split was to reduce the number of our outstanding shares of common stock to levels that are better aligned with companies of GE’s size and scope and a clearer reflection of the GE of the future, not the past.

It also marks another step in GE’s transformation to be a more focused, simpler, stronger high-tech industrial company.
When did the reverse stock split become effective?
GE filed an amendment to its certificate of incorporation to effectuate the reverse stock split on July 30, 2021, and GE common stock began trading on a split-adjusted basis on August 2, 2021.

How will the reverse stock split impact dividend payments?
We do not currently anticipate that the reverse stock split will result in a change to the total value of the quarterly dividend that shareholders receive. That means if the quarterly dividend per share was $0.01 before the Reverse Stock Split, the dividend per share post-reverse stock split would be $0.08. Although the Board of Directors of GE reserves the right to change the company’s dividend policy in the future, we currently anticipate that the per share dividend paid initially will be proportionately adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split.

What is the difference between a registered holder and a beneficial holder?
Shareholders that hold shares directly with GE, or its transfer agent, Equiniti, are considered registered shareholders. Shareholders that hold their shares through a brokerage firm, bank, trust or other similar organization are considered beneficial shareholders.

I’m a GE registered shareholder. What happened to my shares?
At a ratio of 1-for-8, every 8 shares of GE common stock were automatically combined into 1 share and the stock price initially increased proportionately. Registered shareholders who otherwise held fractional shares because the number of shares of common stock they held before the reverse stock split was not evenly divisible by eight are entitled to receive cash (without interest, and subject to any required tax withholding applicable to a holder) in lieu of such fractional shares.

For example, if you held 80 shares before the reverse stock split, you would hold ten shares after the reverse stock split becomes effective. If you held 85 shares before the reverse stock split, you would hold ten shares after the reverse stock split becomes effective, and receive a cash payment in lieu of the five pre-reverse stock split shares that would have otherwise been converted into a fractional share.

I’m a GE beneficial shareholder. What happened to my shares?
Shares of GE common stock held by shareholders that hold their shares through a brokerage firm, bank, trust, or other similar organization were treated in the same manner as shares held by registered shareholders. Accordingly, brokerage firms, banks, trusts and other similar organizations that hold shares of GE common stock were instructed to effectuate the reverse stock split for the beneficial owners of such shares. However, those organizations may have implemented different procedures than those to be followed for registered shareholders for processing the reverse stock split, particularly with respect to the treatment of fractional shares. If you have any questions regarding the application of the reverse stock split to your shares, we encourage you to contact the brokerage firm, bank, trust, or other similar organization that holds your shares.

I’m a GE employee or former employee. What happened to my equity awards?
Holdings under GE benefit plans, including equity awards, were generally adjusted to preserve value as of the date of the reverse stock split. Plan participants received specific
communications with further details about what to expect leading up to the reverse stock split.

Did the reverse stock split change my percentage ownership or voting power?

The reverse stock split, once implemented, affected all the company’s shareholders uniformly and did not affect any shareholder’s percentage ownership interest or proportionate voting power, except as may result from the cash-out of fractional shares of common stock.

Do I need to take any action?

Beneficial holders: If you are a beneficial holder (your shares are held in the name of a brokerage firm, bank, trust or other similar organization), you do not need to take any action.

Registered holders whose shares are held only electronically in book-entry form: If you are a registered holder and your shares are held only electronically in book-entry form on the records of Equiniti, GE’s transfer agent, you do not need to take any action to receive post-reverse stock split shares. You will automatically receive, at your address of record, a transaction statement from Equiniti, GE’s transfer agent, indicating the number of post-reverse stock split shares held following the implementation of the reverse stock split, and, if applicable, a cash payment in lieu of any fractional shares.

Registered holders of shares held in certificate form, with a value of $2,000 or less as part or all of the account holding: If you are a registered holder of shares held in certificate form with a value of $2,000 or less as part or all of the account holding (based on the closing price of GE common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the date the reverse stock split becomes effective), you do not need to take any action to receive post-reverse stock split shares. You will automatically receive, at your address of record, a transaction statement indicating the number of post-reverse stock split shares held following the implementation of the reverse stock split, and, if applicable, a cash payment in lieu of any fractional shares. You are not required to return your certificates representing the pre-reverse stock split shares of common stock, and these stock certificates will be automatically cancelled. Instead of receiving a new stock certificate, you will receive a statement of holding that indicates the number of post-reverse stock split shares of common stock held in book-entry form.

Registered holders of shares held in certificate form, with a value over $2,000 as part or all of the account holding: If you are a registered holder of shares held in certificate form with a value over $2,000 as part or all of the account holding (based on the closing price of GE common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the date the reverse stock split becomes effective), as soon as practicable after the reverse stock split becomes effective, you will receive a transmittal letter from Equiniti, GE’s transfer agent, which will be accompanied by instructions specifying how you may exchange your certificates representing the pre-reverse stock split shares of common stock for a statement of holding and, if applicable, a cash payment in lieu of any fractional shares. When you submit your certificates representing the pre-reverse stock split shares of common stock, the post-reverse stock split shares of common stock will be held electronically in book-entry form. This means that, instead of receiving a new stock certificate, you will receive a statement of holding that indicates the number of post-reverse stock split shares of common stock held in book-entry form.
What do I do with my GE stock certificate?

Registered holders of shares held in certificate form, with a value over $2,000 as part or all of the account holding who did not send in their stock certificates in advance of August 2, 2021 will receive a transmittal letter from Equiniti, which will be accompanied by instructions specifying how you may exchange your certificates representing the pre-reverse stock split shares of common stock for a statement of holding and, if applicable, a cash payment in lieu of any fractional shares.

Registered holders of shares held in certificate form, with a value of $2,000 or less as part or all of the account holding who did not send in their stock certificates in advance of August 2, 2021 do not need to take any action to receive post-reverse stock split shares. Your certificate(s) will be cancelled and you will automatically receive, at your address of record, a transaction statement indicating the number of post-reverse stock split shares held following the implementation of the reverse stock split, and, if applicable, a cash payment in lieu of any fractional shares. You will not be required to return your certificates representing the pre-reverse stock split shares of common stock, and these stock certificates will be automatically cancelled.

Will I receive a stock certificate for the new shares?

No. All registered holders of GE common stock will receive post-reverse stock split shares in book-entry form. This means that, if you are a registered holder, your shares will be electronically credited to an account registered in your name on the books of GE, which are maintained by Equiniti, GE’s transfer agent.

Will there be an impact on my ability to trade GE common stock?

If you are a registered holder, the sales facility provided by our transfer agent, Equiniti, will not be offered beginning at 11:50 am CT on July 27. As a result, registered holders will be unable to sell GE common stock through the DRS sales facility at that time. Following the effective date of the reverse stock split, we expect that Equiniti will resume offering the sales facility. Registered shareholders may sell shares once they’ve received their post-split book entry shares.

If you are a beneficial holder (your shares are held in the name of a broker or other nominee), the broker or other nominee that holds your shares may impose their own restrictions on your ability to access and make changes to your account. For information regarding any such restrictions, we encourage you to contact your broker or other nominee.

Have the post-reverse stock split shares continued to trade on the exchanges on which GE common stock was listed prior to the reverse stock split?

Yes, the post-reverse stock split shares have continued trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “GE”, the London Stock Exchange under the symbol “GEC”, Euronext Paris under the symbol “GNE”, the SIX Swiss Exchange under the symbol “GE” and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol “GEC”. However, the shares now trade under
a new CUSIP number (369604 301) and ISIN number (US3696043013), which are numbers used to identify a company's equity securities.

**How did the reverse stock split affect the FY’20, 1Q’21, and 2Q’21 EPS and the FY’21 Outlook and how will it impact the future calculation of net earnings or loss per share?**

We have adjusted our net earnings or loss per share for FY’20, 1Q’21, and 2Q’21 to reflect the reverse stock split. We have also updated our EPS from March ‘21 Outlook to reflect the change in share count. This adjustment simply reflects the reduced share count from the reverse stock split and does not otherwise change our previous Outlook.

Additionally, in financial statements issued after the reverse stock split becomes effective, per share net earnings or loss and other per share of common stock amounts for periods ending before the effective date of the reverse stock split will be adjusted to give retroactive effect to the reverse stock split.

**Does the reduction in par value affect the market value of my common stock?**

No. The reduction in par value will not impact the market value of your common stock. Par value is set by GE’s certificate of incorporation, as amended, and is not tied to the market price per share. The purpose of the reduction in par value is to simplify our administrative procedures and to bring our par value in line with that of peer companies.

**Who should I contact if I have questions about my shares?**

If you are a beneficial holder whose shares are held in the name of a broker or other nominee, please contact the broker or other nominee who holds your shares.

If you are a registered shareholder (including a holder through GE Stock Direct), you can contact Equiniti, GE’s transfer agent, at:

Equiniti Trust Company

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If you hold equity awards through the GE Long-Term Incentive Plan or hold shares or share units through GE Shares, the GE Retirement Savings Plan or another GE employee benefit plan, you received information about the impact of the reverse stock split on such holdings from your plan administrator.
Are there tax implications of the reverse stock split?
The reverse stock split is intended to be tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes. U.S. shareholders generally should not recognize gain or loss from the reverse stock split, except in those instances where cash payments were provided for fractional shares, which will be taxed. Form 1099-B will be issued in early 2022 for cash payments made to registered shareholders in lieu of fractional shares. For additional information regarding the tax implications of the reverse stock split, please refer to the Proxy Statement.

How do I determine my tax basis after the reverse stock split?
Upon the effective date of the reverse stock split, every eight shares of GE common stock automatically convert to one share of common stock. As a result, shareholders must allocate the aggregate tax basis in their shares held immediately prior to the reverse stock split among the shares held immediately after the reverse stock split, including consideration of any fractional shares for which cash was received. Additional information will be included in the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form 8937, Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities, prepared by GE. This form will be posted to the GE Investor Relations website within 45 days from when the reverse stock split becomes effective.

You are urged to consult your own tax advisor with respect to the application of U.S. federal income tax laws to your particular situation as well as any tax considerations arising under other U.S. federal tax laws (such as the estate or gift tax laws) or under the laws of any state, local, foreign or other taxing jurisdiction or under any applicable tax treaty.