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via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street, Filing Room Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: PA Public Utility Commission v. Duquesne Light Company

Docket No. R-2021-3024750

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please accept for filing the Pennsylvania Weatherization Providers Task Force, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced matter. A copy of this filing was served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph L. Vullo

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cc: All Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

v. : Docket No. R-2021-3024750

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Duquesne Light Company

PENNSYLVANIA WEATHERIZATION PROVIDERS TASK FORCE INC.'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

NOW COMES, the Pennsylvania Weatherization Providers Task Force, Inc. by and through counsel, Joseph L. Vullo, Esquire, and petitions to intervene in the above-captioned matter, averring as follows:

- 1. The Petitioner, Pennsylvania Weatherization Providers Task Force, Inc. (Providers Task Force), is a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation and a statewide association of thirty-seven (37) organizations providing utility assistance and energy conservation services in each of the Commonwealth's sixty-seven counties.
- 2. The Providers Task Force, through its member agencies, Pennsylvania community-based organizations, administers universal service programs for a number of utility companies, including Duquesne Light. Task Force members serve low-income ratepayers, and the Providers Task Force has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding that cannot be adequately represented by any other party.
- 3. The agencies listed in Exhibit A attached are members of the Providers Task Force and customers of Duquesne Light.
- 4. The Providers Task Force seeks permission to intervene in the Company's request for a general rate increase pursuant to the above-captioned docket number.
- 5. The Providers Task Force has been involved in matters before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, including the submission of comments in matters concerning Act 129 and other PUC proceedings.

- 6. The Providers Task Force seeks permission to intervene in the Company's request for a general rate increase to examine the effect of the proposed rate increase on their customers, particularly low-income customers.
- 7. The Providers Task Force is also intervening to investigate whether the Company's universal service programs are appropriately funded and available and if those programs will be appropriately funded and available if the proposed rate increase is granted.
- 8. The Providers Task Force's participation as an active party in this proceeding is required to protect its substantial interests and the substantial interests of the low-income citizens it represents in ensuring that utility rates remain affordable to its clients. Accordingly, the Providers Task Force's participation will serve the public interest.
- 9. Because the Providers Task Force's participation represents low-income citizens in the Company's service areas, the interests of its clients are not protected by any other party to this action.

POSITIONS

- 10. The Providers Task Force's participation takes no position at this time regarding the Company's request for rate increase but it's participation in this proceeding is, in part, to study the effect of the proposed rate increase and structure on the Company's low-income customers and whether the Company's universal service programs will be appropriately funded and available.
- 11. There is a substantial public interest in ensuring that the Company's universal service programs are appropriately funded and available and the effect, if any, on those programs if the proposed rate increase is approved.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Providers Task Force's participation respectfully requests that the Commission:

- 1. Receive for filing and docket this Petition to Intervene and order that the Providers Task Force's participation be an active party to such proceedings and be placed on all services lists.
- 2. Order that the following individuals be designated as the Providers Task Force's participation's recipients for service:

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- Order that each party to the proceedings provide the Providers Task Force's 3. participation designated recipient with copies of all papers filed.
- 4. Order that public hearings be conducted in Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.'s service territories.
 - Grant such other relief as the Commission may deem necessary and proper. 5.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

PENNSYLVANIA WEATHERIZATION PROVIDERS MEMBER AGENCIES

Action Housing

Housing Authority of the County of Beaver

VERIFICATION

I, Eugene M. Brady, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Weatherization Providers

Task Force, Inc. hereby verify that I am authorized to execute this Verification and that the facts

set forth in the foregoing Petition to Intervene are true and correct to the best of my knowledge,

information and belief.

WEATHERIZATION PENNSYLVANIA

PROVIDERS TASK FORCE, INC.

BY:s/ Eugene M. Brady

Eugene M. Brady, Chairman

Dated: May 4, 2021

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certified that he served a copy of the foregoing Pennsylvania Weatherization Providers Task Force Petition to Intervene upon the following participants this 4th day of May, 2021, via electronic mail:

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