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**Via Electronic Filing**

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Keystone Bldg. 2nd Floor W  
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**RE: Petition to Temporarily Increase Hardship Fund Grants for Duquesne Light Company's Eligible Customers**  
**Docket No. P-2022-3031621**  
**Docket No. M-2019-3008227**  
**Docket No. R-2021-3024750**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

On March 28, 2022, Duquesne Light Company ("Company" or "Duquesne Light") filed a Letter Petition with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") requesting that its Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan ("USECP") Hardship Fund be temporarily amended to better assist eligible customers recovering from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2022 and 2023.

At the request of Commission staff, the Company hereby files this letter to clarify the above-referenced Letter Petition. To be clear, the Company's proposed eligibility and grant increases for the Hardship Fund would be effective immediately upon Commission approval and end on January 1, 2024. In the unlikely event that the Hardship Fund dollars are not exhausted by January 1, 2024, unused dollars will be rolled over for use through the end of the 2024 Hardship Fund program year, which ends on September 30, 2024.

Duquesne Light has discussed the foregoing with the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA"), and the Coalition for Affordable Utility Service and Energy Efficiency ("CAUSE-PA"). The OCA and CAUSE-PA have authorized the Company to state that they do not oppose this proposal. An electronic copy of this document has been served upon the OCA and CAUSE-PA as indicated in the enclosed Certificate of Service.



Please contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emily M. Farah", is positioned above the printed name.

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cc: Certificate of Service

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant):

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