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**RE: PA Public Utility Commission v. Duquesne Light Company
Docket No. R-2021-3024750**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph No. 9 of the Prehearing Conference Order dated May 20, 2021, enclosed are the proofs of publication providing notice of the two public input hearings scheduled on June 22, 2021 in two newspapers of general circulation within Duquesne Light Company's service territory. As shown in the enclosed, notices of the public input hearings were published in the Tribune-Review on June 11, 2021 and in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on June 13, 2021.

Additional notice of the public input hearings is available on Duquesne Light Company's website and social media channels. Published notices of the public input hearings include(d) a general description of the proposed base rate increase and registration information for those who wish to offer testimony at the public input hearings.

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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v.	:	Docket No. R-2021-3024750
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Duquesne Light Company	:	
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Greater Latrobe eyes tax hike

1-mill increase aimed at covering \$345K shortfall

By JEFF HEMER

Greater Latrobe School Board next week will consider approval of a proposed 2021-22 budget, including a 1.1% increase in spending and a 1-mill property tax hike meant to cover a projected revenue shortfall of \$345,000.

On Tuesday, the board also will look to renew district insurance coverage, with an overall 2% increase in premiums.

The proposed tax hike, to \$6 mills, would add \$27 to the average homeowner's annual tax bill, according to district Business Administrator Dan Wasson.

He said the district estimated expense when possible and recommended against trying to balance the \$31.3 million budget without the tax increase. "I don't think that would be responsible to our taxpayers," Wasson said.

"I think it's a minimal increase on people's budgets," said board member Dr. Michael Zorch said of the suggested

1-mill hike, given the unprecedented challenges the district faced for more than a year because of the covid-19 pandemic.

"It was scary, but we persevered," Zorch said. Unlike some other districts, he said, "We had our students in

school most of the year." Fortunately, Wasson said, the district's income stream didn't decrease much to the point where an extra official's position would be needed. While annual income earnings have fallen sharply, from about \$200,000 to an intake of \$25,000, he said there has been an offsetting increase in grants from the district's real estate transfer tax.

Still, the district faces a projected revenue shortfall for the coming school year.

Greater Latrobe's financial obligations to Pennsylvania's teachers' retirement fund, mediated by the state, plays a major role in that budget picture, according to Wasson.

Over the 19-year period ended in 2019, the fund's obligations to the district averaged \$300,000, or 0.6% of the district's total revenue. That is projected to increase to \$345,000, or 0.6%, by fiscal 2021-22, Wasson said.

"If we didn't have that, we'd be even," school board member Bill Palmer said of the

impact retirement costs have on balancing the budget. "It's critical."

Richard Coody of local insurance firm Kaiser Permanet said the school board the district can expect to pay just under \$1,000 more for various insurance premiums in the coming year, representing a 2% increase.

That includes a 4.6% increase in costs for property and liability insurance. That increase may be even higher in the following year, Coody said. He explained property premiums may be adjusted to reflect an increase in construction costs, triggered by the pandemic.

The board welcomed optometrist and former school director Dr. Rhonda Laughlin back to its ranks. She was appointed to serve until December, completing the term of last board member Steven LoCascio, who died May 8.

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provided more than \$1 million in medical equipment and supplies at no cost to his families. It has 2,500 followers in its online community, where families have access to resources and support.

Additional information regarding the nonprofit's mission can be found at www.reaganjourney.org and Facebook. Its office is at 140 Pennsylvania Ave. in Oakton.

Reid said, thanks to the support she received from community members at her church in Kilmanning, Reagan — now 12 — is able to walk, perform sign language and express "a lot of personality."

Reid said she hopes families afflicted by disability avoid the health care costs and stress an underfunded insurance system can bring. She said she hopes the support she received from community members at her church in Kilmanning, Reagan — now 12 — is able to walk, perform sign language and express "a lot of personality."

Similarly, Providence said Community Care hopes to take some of the burden off the families helped by Reagan's Journey.

"How often I'm working more closely with pediatric patients, I can see that families are struggling with disability," Providence said. "They're going through enough as it is. Whenever we can do to help them would be great."

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Team appreciated Polamalu's passion, Tomlin said

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old owner Cam Kowach, who said about the book Monday. "I think this would be a great Father's Day gift."

Wentzell interviewed more than 50 people, whom he calls the "cast of characters," over 12 years. The book spans from Polamalu's draft day to his retirement from the NFL after 12 seasons, including two Super Bowl championships.

It includes insights from his time at Douglas High School in Oregon, the University of Southern California and with the Steelers.

Former teammate Ryan Clark said he was invited to work on with Polamalu. Before they touched one weight, they prayed.

"I think his selflessness almost makes you ashamed that you aren't like him," Clark said. "The way that he gives to people, the way he gives to his wife, I think all of these things make a better person."

Wentzell said if he could ask Polamalu one question, it would be about his spirituality.

"I'm the only one who can answer that question," Wentzell said. "I can't give that from Bill Cowher, Pro-Cornell or Rick Leisen. A coach isn't going to tell me that."

Polamalu and his wife, Theodora, became Greek Orthodox Christians in 2017.

The book includes insights

from teammates such as Clark, James Harrison and James Ward, and shows us all how to treat people."

A line in the book recalls Polamalu being named First-team All American in his junior season at USC. When the sports information director, Tim Theodora, told the player about this, "he started crying." Wentzell said.

Polamalu was named the team's most valuable player and had 30 sacks, a Las Vegas record.

Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said Polamalu's "passion, love, respect and appreciation for the game were always on display, and that made him a no-nonsense guy. The splash plays will be the high-

lights that they show when they talk about the impact of his career, the Emory University in the snow in San Diego, all of these things. He was really stand out to me are those everyday moments football plays that he made really unique by doing unique things, like an angle tackle where he exploded and was absolutely the fastest guy on the field."

On Jan. 18, 2006, with 4 minutes 30 seconds remaining in the AFC Championship game, Polamalu led the Baltimore Ravens, 16-14, to Super Bowl XLV, where he won his 41. He intercepted it as the Baltimore 49ers led and raced in the end zone to secure a place

in Super Bowl, you guessed it, XLV (40).

Polamalu's impact on the Steelers' success is a "probably the greatest player of his Hall of Fame career. A very steady play that probably only he can make."

Asked about his favorite chapter, Wentzell said, "They're all my babies. The Steelers' championship years are great, and I love his childhood chapter. But my personal favorite is the first chapter with the great pro ball mock away that led to Troy being drafted by the Steelers."

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Those who wish to testify must register by Friday, June 18, at 4:30 p.m. Registration can be done online at DuquesneLight.com/publicinput-hearings or by calling the Office of Consumer Advocata (OCA) at 1-800-684-6560 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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To learn more, visit the PUC's website at www.puc.pa.gov.

International

Final presidential debate shows cracks in Iran's political landscape

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran held a final presidential debate Saturday that showed the fissures within the Islamic Republic's politics, as hard-liners referred to those seeking ties to the West as "infiltrators" and the race's two other candidates brought up the unrest that surrounded Tehran's disputed 2009 election.

Analysts and state-linked polling put hard-line judiciary chief Ebrahim Raisi as the clear front-runner in Friday's upcoming vote, with the public now largely hostile to the relative moderate President Hassan Rouhani after the collapse of Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

But that didn't stop Mr. Rouhani's former Central Bank chief Abdolnasser Hemmati from harshly criticizing Mr. Raisi, at one point getting up from his chair to hand him a list he described as naming individuals who haven't paid back huge loans from state banks. He again tried to link Mr. Raisi to former President Donald Trump, whose decision to unilaterally withdraw America from Iran's nuclear deal has seen the country crushed by sanctions.

"Mr. Raisi, you and your friends have played in Trump's ground with your extremist policies," Mr. Hemmati said.

For his part, Mr. Raisi called Mr. Hemmati's move a stunt and said he'd make sure the government returns to the nuclear deal.

The deal "would not be executed by you. It needs a powerful government to do this," Mr. Raisi said.

The election Friday will see voters pick a candidate



Young Journalists Club via AP

Presidential candidates, from left, Saeed Jalili, Alireza Zakani, Abdolnasser Hemmati and Ebrahim Raisi participate in the final debate Saturday before the June 18 election at a state-run TV studio in Tehran, Iran.

to replace Mr. Rouhani, who is term limited from running again. The vote comes amid tensions with the West as negotiations continue to resuscitate the nuclear deal, which saw Iran agree to limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions.

The debate took on the pattern of the previous ones, with hard-liners focusing their criticism on Mr. Hemmati as a stand-in for Mr. Rouhani. Hard-liner Alireza Zakani went as far to accuse Mr. Hemmati of committing a "huge treason" by sharing financial information to the International Monetary Fund. Hard-line former Revolutionary Guard chief Mohsen Rezaei described the Rouhani government as being run by "infiltrators."

Mr. Hemmati, who raised eyebrows in recent days after telling The Associated

Press in an interview he'd be potentially willing to speak with President Joe Biden, said his government would not view Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates as enemies. He also warned that without deals with the wider world, Iran's economy would see no growth.

"What will happen if the hard-liners have power?" Mr. Hemmati asked. "I tell you there is going to be more sanctions with global consensus."

It remains unclear if the debates will affect voters' opinions. The state-linked Iranian Student Polling Agency suggested just 37% of Iranian adults watched the second debate.

There also remains the larger concern about turnout in the election. ISPA polling also puts Mr. Raisi as the front-runner with enough of a percentage to

avoid a runoff.

But unlike the earlier debates, both Mr. Hemmati and an inconspicuous reformist candidate named Mohsen Mehralizadeh brought up mass protests that directly challenged the government. Mr. Mehralizadeh at one point asked Mr. Raisi to intervene with Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei to pardon people still held after nationwide demonstrations in November 2019 over price rises of state-subsidized gasoline.

Those demonstrations ended with one lawmaker suggesting 7,000 people had been arrested. Amnesty International put the death toll from the violence at at least 208, with the rights group saying security forces killed demonstrators. Iran has yet to offer any definitive account of what happened.

World briefs

Brazil's Bolsonaro fined for flouting mask order

Compiled from news services

Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro led thousands of motorcyclist supporters through the streets of Sao Paulo on Saturday — and got hit with a fine for failure to wear a mask in violation of local pandemic restrictions.

The conservative president waved to the crowd from his motorcycle and later from atop a sound truck, where helmeted but largely maskless backers cheered and chanted as he insisted that masks were useless for those already vaccinated — an assertion disputed by most public health experts.

Sao Paulo's state government press office said a fine — equivalent to about \$110 — would be imposed for violation of a rule that has required masks in public places since May 2020. According to a survey by local authorities, 12,000 motorcycles participated in the pro-Bolsonaro event.

Mr. Bolsonaro's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

French political leader hit with flour at protest

Jean-Luc Mélenchon, a far-left political leader in France and a likely high-profile candidate in next year's presidential election, was pelted with flour at a protest Saturday, days after President Emmanuel Macron was slapped in the face as he sought to shake hands with voters.

It is not uncommon for French political figures to be pelted with food: Former presidents Nicolas Sarkozy and François Hollande have been showered with flour, and Mr. Macron

was pelted with eggs at least twice before he was elected president in 2017.

But the assault that targeted Mr. Mélenchon, the leader of the far-left party France Unbowed, in Paris came against the backdrop of renewed political tensions in France before regional elections next week, and broader concerns about violence before the presidential election, scheduled for May.

Mr. Mélenchon was speaking with journalists at a demonstration against the far-right in Paris on Saturday when an individual threw flour at him. No one was taken into custody.

Wandering elephants moving again in China

China's famed wandering elephants are on the move again, heading southwest while a male who broke from the herd is still keeping his distance.

The group left a wildlife reserve in the southwest of Yunnan province more than a year ago and has trekked 300 miles north to the outskirts of the provincial capital of Kunming.

As of Saturday, they were spotted in Shijie township in the city of Yuxi, more than 5 miles southwest of the Kunming suburb they had arrived at last week, according to state media reports. The lone male was 10 miles away, still on the outskirts of Kunming.

The direction of their travel could be a good sign, since authorities are hoping to lead them back to their original home in the Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture southwest of Kunming.

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