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James J. McNulty, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

**Re: *Petition of Duquesne Light Company – Energy Efficiency  
and Conservation Program: Docket No. M-2009-2093217***

Dear Mr. McNulty:

For electronic filing in the referenced matter, please find Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to call me at 724.416.6355 or e-mail me at [tjgallagher@nisource.com](mailto:tjgallagher@nisource.com).

I thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Theodore J. Gallagher

cc: Certificate of Service

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**Petition of Duquesne Light Company :**  
**Energy Efficiency and Conservation :**      **Docket No. M-2009-2093217**  
**Program :**

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**PETITION TO INTERVENE  
OF  
COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.**

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NOW COMES Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. ("Columbia"), by and through counsel, and pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.71, et seq., petitions to intervene in the captioned proceeding. In support of its petition to intervene Columbia states as follows:

1. Columbia is a Pennsylvania corporation incorporated June 21, 1960 under the Act of May 29, 1885, P.L. 29, and provides service pursuant to certificates of public convenience issued by the Commission in proceedings docketed at A. 87616, A. 95490, and A. 96176, which are incorporated herein by reference. As of December 31, 2008, Columbia served approximately 413,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers in portions of 26 counties in Pennsylvania, primarily in the western half of the state, as well as parts of northwest, southern, and central Pennsylvania. Columbia has its principal office in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania.

2. The name and address of Petitioner are:

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3. The name, address, e-mail address, and telephone and facsimile numbers of Petitioner's counsel are:

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4. On or about July 1, 2009, Duquesne Light Company ("Duquesne") filed its Act 129 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan ("EEC Plan") with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

5. Columbia and Duquesne both provide service in large portions of western Pennsylvania, and there is significant overlap in their service territories. Columbia claims a right to intervene by virtue of an interest in this matter that is of such nature that its intervention is necessary or appropriate to the administration of Act 129, in that: its interest in this matter is not adequately represented by existing parties, and Columbia may be bound by the action of the Commission in this proceeding, and; its participation will be in the public interest. 52 Pa. Code § 5.72(a)(2), (3).

6. Under Act 129, electric distribution company (EDC) energy efficiency and conservation plans must include “a variety of energy efficiency and conservation measures” that will reduce electric consumption and peak demand 66 Pa.C.S. § 2806.1(a)(5), (c), (d). Duquesne’s ECC Plan includes some fuel substitution measures, such as solar water heating. However, consistent with Act 129’s directive regarding a ‘variety’ of measures, Columbia submits that fuel substitution should be a more significant part of that plan.

7. Columbia submits that the use of natural gas as a means of reducing electric consumption and demand should be considered in this matter, since a natural gas option may positively impact the cost of Act 129 compliance that will ultimately be borne by Duquesne’s customers. Once approved, Duquesne’s ECC Plan will not readily be subject to amendment. Consequently, due consideration must be given to the use of natural gas as an alternate fuel at the implementation phase of the ECC Plan.

8. Columbia seeks to intervene in this matter so that the use of additional fuel substitution measures in Duquesne’s ECC Plan, particularly natural gas, is given due consideration. The inclusion of additional fuel substitution measures in the ECC Plan will not only assist in complying with Act 129’s consumption and demand reduction mandates, but will also inure to the benefit of customers in the form of downward pressure on wholesale electric and

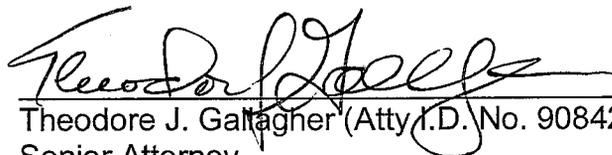
natural gas prices resulting from the more efficient use of natural gas on a source-to-end-use basis and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Since Columbia provides natural gas service to a large number of customers in Duquesne's service territory, it is uniquely positioned to provide valuable input to the Commission on the substantial benefits of fuel substitution measures. Thus, Columbia's intervention in this matter is in the public interest. Moreover, Columbia's interest in this matter is not adequately represented by any other party or participant.

WHEREFORE, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission approve this petition and grant it leave to intervene and admit it as a party in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

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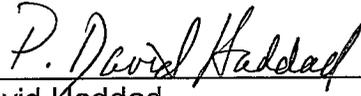
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Dated: July 27, 2009

## VERIFICATION

I, P. David Haddad, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements made herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: July 27, 2009



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P. David Haddad  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009:

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