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Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2nd Floor
400 North Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

**RE: Petition of Duquesne Light Company for Approval of Its Final Smart Meter
Procurement and Installation Plan
Docket No. M-2009-2123948**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing, please find Duquesne Light Company's Pre-Hearing Conference Memorandum.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

cc: ALJ Katrina Dunderdale
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smart meter costs, details regarding post grace period deployment for new construction and customer requests and a description of the Company's customer education and outreach efforts.

In addition to the Petition, the Company submitted written direct testimony from David Wolfe, William V. Pfrommer and Peter Honebein, along with supporting Exhibits, which included the Company's Final Smart Meter Plan.

On July 23, 2012, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed an Answer to the Smart Meter Petition. Therein, the OCA requested that the Company's Smart Meter Plan be referred to the Office of Administrative Law Judge ("OALJ") for further proceedings.

Also on July 23, 2012, Citizen Power, Inc. ("Citizen Power") filed an Answer to the Smart Meter Petition. Citizen Power also requested that the matter be referred to the OALJ.

On August 17, 2012, the Commission issued a Secretarial Letter notifying parties that the matter had been referred to the OALJ for further proceedings. Thereafter, on August 31, 2012, the Commission issued a Notice of Prehearing Conference scheduled for September 17, 2012.

On September 4, 2012, the ALJ issued a Prehearing Conference Order which set forth certain rules for the prehearing conference and the proceeding.

II. COUNSEL

Duquesne Light will be represented in the above-referenced proceeding by the following counsel:

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Duquesne Light's counsel are authorized to receive copies of all documents served in this proceeding. In addition, Duquesne Light agrees to receive service of documents electronically in this proceeding.

III. WITNESSES AND ISSUES

Duquesne Light's interpretation of the issues in this proceeding is set forth in the direct testimony and exhibits that the Company filed with its Petition For Approval of Its Final Smart Meter Procurement And Installation Plan. The names, addresses and area of testimony for each witness that presented testimony are provided below:

David G. Wolfe Director of Technology Duquesne Light Company 411 Seventh Avenue MD 8-1 Pittsburgh, PA 15219	Statement No. 1	Overview of Smart Meter Plan, Technology Solutions and Deployment Schedule
William V. Pfrommer Manager, Rates and Tariff Services Duquesne Light Company 411 Seventh Avenue, 8th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219	Statement No. 2	Smart Meter Cost Recovery
Peter Honebein Customer Performance Group, LLC 5450 Wintegreen Lane Reno, NV 89511	Statement No. 3	Customer Education and Acceptance Strategy

The subject matters listed above, as further supported by the testimony and exhibits, represent Duquesne Light's statement of the issues on this proceeding. Further definition of the issues will be developed by the parties during the course of this proceeding. Duquesne Light reserves the right to call additional witnesses to present testimony on additional issues and subject matters that may arise during the course of this proceeding.

IV. SCHEDULE

Duquesne Light proposes the following schedule for the remainder of this proceeding:

September 17, 2012	Prehearing Conference
October 5, 2012	Due date for Intervenors' direct testimony
October 26, 2012	Due date for Rebuttal testimony
November 9, 2012	Due date for Surrebuttal testimony
November 15-16, 2012	Hearing (including oral rejoinder)
December 3, 2012	Due date for Main Briefs
December 17, 2012	Due date for Reply Briefs

Duquesne Light will work with the parties to attempt to develop a mutually agreeable schedule.

V. SETTLEMENT

Duquesne Light is willing to enter into settlement discussions with all parties on all issues in this proceeding.

VI. DISCOVERY

Duquesne Light does not propose any special discovery rules for this proceeding. Duquesne Light is willing to participate in informal discovery discussions with parties.

Respectfully Submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

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