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November 3, 2009

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RE: Petition of Duquesne Light Company for  
Approval of Default Service Plan for the Period  
January 1, 2011 through May 31, 2013  
Docket No. P-2009-2135500

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Enclosed for filing is the Notice of Intervention and Public Statement of the Office of Consumer Advocate, in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies have been served as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennedy S. Johnson".

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Enclosures

cc: Honorable John H. Corbett, Jr.  
Office of Special Assistants

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BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Petition of Duquesne Light Company :  
for Approval of Default Service Plan : Docket No. P-2009-2135500  
for the Period January 1, 2011 :  
through May 31, 2013 :

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NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

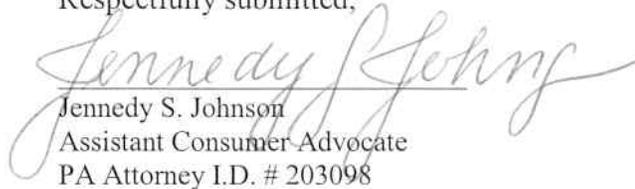
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Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.71-74, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE  
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. § 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to file an Answer and Intervention to the Petition initiating this matter and to participate in proceedings before the Commission involving the Default Service Plan petition filed by Duquesne Light Company (Duquesne or Company).

On October 9, 2009, Duquesne Filed a Petition for approval of Default Service Plan for the period of January 1, 2011 through May 31, 2013. Duquesne is engaged in the business of furnishing electric service to approximately 588,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers in Allegheny and Beaver Counties, Pennsylvania. As part of its Default Service Plan, for the regular residential class (Rate RS), the Company proposes to charge a flat, non-reconcilable rate of 7.860 cents/kWh for the 29-month period. This represents a 9.8% increase over the current generation portion of the bill of 7.156 cents/kWh. The average residential customer will see a total bill increase of approximately 5.1%. For Rate RH customers, the Company also proposes to charge a flat, non-reconcilable rate of 7.860 cents/kWh for the 29-month period. This represents a 14% increase over the current generation portion of the RH rate of 6.895 cents/kWh.

The Consumer Advocate will participate in this proceeding in an effort to ensure that the Default Service Plan filed by the Company provides service to customers at the least cost over time and is consistent with Pennsylvania law. The Consumer Advocate will represent the

interests of Duquesne's consumers before the Commission to ensure that they are not charged unjust and unreasonable rates or subject to unjust or unreasonable changes in the design of their rates or improper default service programs.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Petition of Duquesne Light Company :  
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for the Period January 1, 2011 :  
through May 31, 2013 :

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document, Intervention and Public Statement of the Office of Consumer Advocate, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2009.

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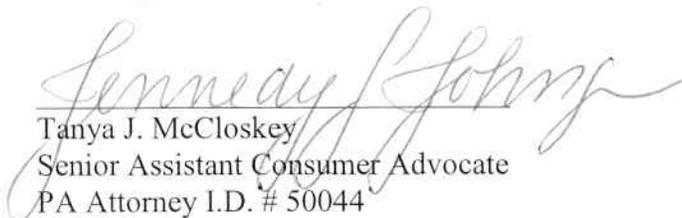
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