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James J. McNulty, Secretary
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Re: Application of Duquesne Light Company for Reconductoring and
Increasing the Capacity of 2.2 Miles of Transmission Line in Collier and
Scott Townships, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Docket No. A-2010-2152048

Dear Mr. McNulty:

As counsel for Trans Allegheny Interstate Line Company ("TrAILCo") and West Penn Power Company ("West Penn"), we are submitting an original and three copies of this letter in connection with the above referenced matter. In addition, Duquesne Light Company ("Duquesne"), the Applicant in the above matter, also joins in the relief requested herein. West Penn, TrAILCo and Duquesne are collectively referred to below as the "Parties".

On January 8, 2010, Duquesne filed a Letter of Notification ("LON") with this Commission at the above referenced docket in partial implementation of a Joint Petition for Settlement of TrAILCo's and West Penn's Transmission Line Siting Application that was filed with this Commission on April 13, 2007 at Docket Nos. A-110172, A-110172F0002, A-110172F0003, A-110172F0004, and G-00071229 (collectively, "Siting Proceeding").

Duquesne requested in the LON that it be consolidated with the Siting Proceeding because the work described in the LON relates specifically to the Joint Petition for Settlement ("Settlement") still pending before Administrative Law Judge Hoyer in the Siting Proceeding.

There is believed to be no opposition to the LON and, under the circumstances, it would be more expeditious for the Commission to employ its normal review process of the LON than burdening the presiding Administrative Law Judge with addressing such an uncontested matter. The Commission's Bureau of Fixed Utility Services typically reviews and considers uncontested letters of notification, and the Parties recommend that such procedure be utilized in this instance as well.

The Parties urge the Commission to act expeditiously on the LON and the Settlement filed for approval on July 13, 2009. PJM has identified a known reliability problem in the West Penn territory and has requested it be remedied by June 1, 2010. The Parties have an obligation to provide reliable service to their customers and to remedy timely known reliability problems. In order to remedy this reliability problem timely, construction needs to begin immediately if the improvements are to be in place by this summer. The Parties cannot legally begin construction until the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") has approved the Settlement, which includes the LON. In order to maintain reliable service to customers and to address a known reliability problem for which PJM has directed action, the Parties request the Commission's expeditious review and approval of the Settlement and LON.

For the reasons specified above, the Parties respectfully request that there be no consolidation of the LON and the Siting Proceeding. Instead, the Parties request that the Commission immediately refer the LON to the Commission's Bureau of Fixed Utility Services for prompt review and action. Once the Commission resolves the LON, the Parties will ask Administrative Law Judge Hoyer to take such action as may be appropriate in the Siting Proceeding.

Copies of this letter are being served upon the presiding Administrative Law Judge in the Siting Proceeding and those parties reflected on the attached Certificate of Service.

Very truly yours,

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing letter dated February 26, 2010 upon the persons listed below in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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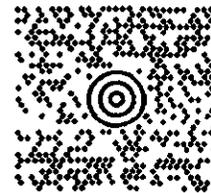
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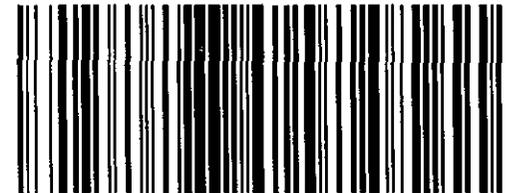
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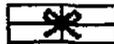
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