

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Formal Complaint Form

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A-2009-2124035

1. CUSTOMER (COMPLAINANT) INFORMATION

Your name, mailing address, county, telephone number, utility account number and service address:

Name PAUL JENKINS

Street/P.O. Box PO BOX 403 Apt # _____

City OAKMONT State PA Zip 15139

County ALLEG

Daytime Telephone Number Where We Can Contact You: (412) 828 2265

E-mail Address (optional): N/A

Utility Account Number N/A
(from your bill)

If your complaint involves utility service provided to a different address than your mailing address, please list this information below.

Name _____

Street/P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2. FULL NAME OF UTILITY COMPANY (RESPONDENT):

Duquesne Light Co.

3. TYPE OF UTILITY (check one)

- ELECTRIC
- GAS
- WATER
- TELEPHONE
(local, long distance)
- STEAM HEAT
- WASTE WATER
- MOTOR CARRIER
(e.g., taxi, moving company, limousine)

4. **COMPLAINT** (check one)

A. In general, what is your complaint?

- I want to oppose the company's proposed rate increase.
- There are incorrect charges on my bill.
- There is a reliability, safety or quality problem with my utility service.
- I received a notice that my utility service is being terminated.
- I would like a payment agreement.

Other (explain).

B. State the facts of your complaint.

Include any specific dates, times or places that may be important. If the complaint is about a bill, tell us about any charges that you believe are not correct. Use additional paper if you need more space. Provide copies of all relevant documents you believe will support your complaint.

5. **RELIEF**

How do you want your complaint to be resolved? Use additional paper if you need more space.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTERS

9. VERIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

You must print or type your name below on the line provided for the verification paragraph, and you must sign and date (in ink) this form on the lines provided.

Verification:
I PAUL JENKINS, 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 herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Paul Jenkins 3-1-10
(Signature) (Date)

Title of authorized employee or officer

10. FILING

Please return the completed form to one of the addresses listed below:

If using U.S. Postal Service:

If using overnight delivery service:

Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265	Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2 nd Floor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120
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Facsimiles and/or electronic filings of the complaint will not be accepted.

If you have any questions about filling out this form, please contact the Secretary's Bureau at 717-772-7777.

Keep a copy of your complaint for your records.

P.O.Box 403
Oakmont, PA 15139
3-1-10

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O.Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Re: Duquesne Light Company's Transmission Line Increase to 345 kV
Through Penn Hills and Adjoining Communities

Gentlemen:

Duquesne Light Company has withdrawn their Letter of Notification of 8-7-09 and are now offering an Application dated 2-11-10 regarding the above captioned line. I again, urge you to deny DLC's request as stated in my letter of 8-24-09. Please consider the issues as stated in that letter. (copy enclosed)

In the opening paragraph of the Notice of Filing, DLC never once mentions the residences that will be effected by their line increase. Their culture of corporate arrogance is demonstrated by their listing only cemeteries, golf courses, railroads and vacant land as the effected properties. There are numerous families living next to the right of way that DLC seems to discount to their favor. DLC has other wider, safer right of ways. In addition, DLC should notify additional home owners as the new, taller steel poles will adversely effect their safety with the larger "fall zone" and the adverse comments on HUD appraisals.

DLC has not demonstrated any urgency for this line other than the cost savings of not using wider, safer right of ways. I strongly urge local (not Pittsburgh) hearings and would hope that the PUC would appoint an advocate to assist the homeowners navigate the complexities of a hearing. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Paul Jenkins

P.O.Box 403
Oakmont, PA 15139
8-24-09

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Re: Duquesne Light Company's Transmission Line Increase to 345 kV
Through Penn Hills and adjoining communities

Gentlemen:

I strongly urge that you deny DLC's request to increase the transmission line from 69kV to 345kV as described in their Letter of Notification dated 8-7-09. While I understand the need for operational reliability and DLC's quest for cost savings, there are, other, safer alternatives.

1. The right of way is not wide enough for the proposed 500% increase in kV. Fifty (50) feet running over, between and beside homes in a heavily populated residential area is not justified. DLC has other, wider, right of ways that could be used to improve their grid.
2. 345kV is perilously close to heavily traveled streets and yards where children are at play. It would seem more appropriate for this kind of EMF to be placed in another, more remote right of way. DLC should be a more responsible corporate citizen and be thoughtful of the health and safety of its neighbors and customers.
3. The City of Pittsburgh requires that large lines of this type be constructed underground. This line will be above ground until it reaches the City. DLC has already installed a few of the proposed towers at the City terminus. It is unbelievable the DLC wants to remove wooden poles measuring 70 feet and replace them with rust colored steel poles measuring 155 feet and claim that this construction will have a minimal impact on the taxpayer's property. In addition to adversely dominating the skyline in a residential neighborhood, these steel behemoths will lower property values significantly. It would be safer and more aesthetically acceptable if the line through Penn Hills' family homes was also underground.
4. Construction of this line will create unnecessary noise, congestion and other inconveniences associated with cranes, trucks, etc. Additionally, DLC will find it necessary to perform more radical tree removal and trimming. They already have a sordid history checkered with instances of cutting well beyond their right of way using every unsavory manner to widen their narrow 50' right of way. Vertical cutting is never enough when they can bully an uneducated property owner into believing that they are permitted to clear cut or trim well beyond their right of way. This kind of behavior clearly indicates that even they believe that the right of way is not wide enough for 345kV.

It is apparent that DLC has taken the approach that using the shortest line to save money and improve their grid is outweighed by the horrendous effect it will have on the people

that have to live, work and play under their line. I urge you to have them investigate other, more acceptable alternatives.

Sincerely,

Paul Jenkins

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