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*Via Electronic Filing*

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

In re: A-2010-2159814

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Enclosed please find Duquesne Light Company's Prehearing Memorandum in the matter of the Application of Duquesne Light Company for the Siting and Construction of a 345 kV Transmission Line in the City of Pittsburgh, Municipality of Penn Hills, Verona Borough and Plum Borough, Allegheny County, PA.

Sincerely,

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cc: Administrative Law Judge John H. Corbett, Jr. (w/enclosure)  
Administrative Law Judge Mary Long (w/enclosure)

Before the  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

In re: Application of Duquesne )  
Light Company for the Siting and )  
Construction of a 345 kV )  
Transmission Line in the City of ) Docket No. A-2010-2159814  
Pittsburgh, Municipality of Penn )  
Hills, Verona Borough and Plum )  
Borough, Allegheny County, PA )

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**PREHEARING MEMORANDUM  
OF  
DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY**

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Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Section 5.22(d), Duquesne Light Company (Duquesne) hereby submits Prehearing Conference Memorandum in the above-captioned proceeding.

**I. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Duquesne requests that all documents be served on:

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Duquesne agrees to receive service of documents electronically in this proceeding.

## **II. BACKGROUND**

2. This proceeding was initiated on February 11, 2010 when Duquesne filed the “Application of Duquesne Light Company for the Siting and Construction of a 345 kV Transmission Line in the City of Pittsburgh, Municipality of Penn Hills, Verona Borough and Plum Borough, Allegheny County, PA” which was docketed at Docket No. A-2010-2159814.

3. As of today’s date, no protests have been filed to the application.

## **II. ANTICIPATED ISSUES AND SUB-ISSUES**

4. Duquesne intends to demonstrate that the proposed siting and construction of the Highland-Logan’s Ferry 345 kV Transmission Line is necessary in order to improve reliability issues within Duquesne’s transmission system. The overall plan that resulted from Duquesne’s reliability assessments was to develop a 345 kV ring around the City of Pittsburgh. On these bases, Duquesne will request that the ALJ and the Commission approve the siting and construction of the proposed transmission line.

5. Duquesne intends to demonstrate that the proposed route for the project was selected after a detailed analysis, which included a comprehensive environmental inventory, identification and analysis of alternative routes and selection of the preferred route. Duquesne identified and compared route alternatives based upon a detailed analysis of societal concerns, environmental impacts, engineering considerations and cost. Duquesne intends to demonstrate that the preferred route for the Highland-Logans Ferry 345 kV Transmission Line was selected over the alternative routes because it is located on an existing transmission line and uses existing transmission line corridor and rights-of-way, which will minimize environmental impacts, social impacts and cost.

**III. PROPOSED WITNESSES**

6. Duquesne intends to present the following statements, in its case-in-chief, in support of the above-captioned Application:

- a. Michelle Antantis – lead engineer for project
- b. Jim Boyle – construction of project
- c. Megan Sullivan – need for transmission line
- d. George Reese – impact of line on area
- e. Linda Erdreich – lack of health risks from EMF

Duquesne will file copies of these statements after the pre-hearing conference.

7. Duquesne also reserves the right to call additional witnesses to address any issues that may arise during the course of the proceeding.

**IV. DISCOVERY**

8. Duquesne does not believe that any change or modification in the standard timelines for discovery set forth in the Commission’s regulations is necessary or appropriate.

**V. SCHEDULE**

9. Duquesne proposes the following schedule for resolution of this proceeding:

Submission of Written Testimony:	April 28, 2010
Rebuttal:	May 7, 2010
Surrebuttal:	May 14, 2010
Evidentiary Hearings (if needed):	week of May 24, 2010
Initial Brief:	June 1, 2010
Reply Brief:	June 15, 2010
Recommended Decision:	August 1, 2010
Exceptions:	August 23, 2010

Reply Exceptions:

August 31, 2010

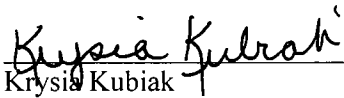
Commission Order:

October 2010

Respectfully submitted:

DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY

By Counsel:

  
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