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RE: Joint Application of West Penn Power Company d/b/a Allegheny Power, Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company and FirstEnergy Corp. for a Certificate of Public Convenience Under Section 1102(A)(3) of the Public Utility Code Approving a Change of Control of West Penn Power Company and Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company; Docket Nos. A-2010-2176520 and A-2010-2176732

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing please find the Petition of Duquesne Light Company for Leave to Withdraw Its Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. Copies of this document have been served as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Wayne L. Weismandel
Honorable Mary D. Long

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
Docket Nos. A-2010-2176520 and A-2010-2176732

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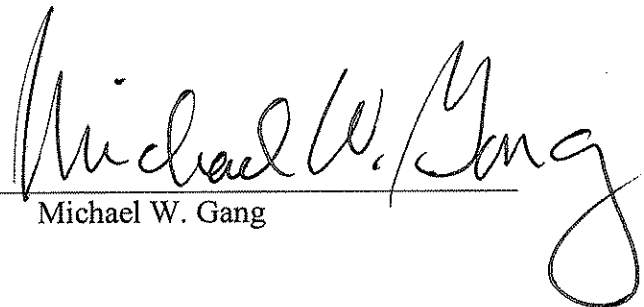
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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

JOINT APPLICATION OF WEST PENN	:	
POWER COMPANY doing business as	:	
ALLEGHENY POWER, TRANS-	:	
ALLEGHENY INTERSTATE LINE	:	
COMPANY AND FIRSTENERGY CORP.	:	
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC	:	DOCKET NOS. A-2010-2176520
CONVENIENCE UNDER SECTION	:	A-2010-2176732
1102(A)(3) OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY	:	
CODE APPROVING A CHANGE OF	:	
CONTROL OF WEST PENN POWER	:	
COMPANY AND TRANS-ALLEGHENY	:	
INTERSTATE LINE COMPANY	:	

**PETITION OF DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY
FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW ITS PETITION TO INTERVENE**

**TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES WAYNE L. WEISMANDEL AND
MARY D. LONG:**

Duquesne Light Company (“Duquesne Light”) hereby petitions the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) and Administrative Law Judges Wayne L. Weisman and Mary D. Long (the “ALJs”), pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.94(a), for leave to withdraw (“Petition to Withdraw”) its Petition to Intervene, which was filed on June 11, 2010. The effect of withdrawing the Petition to Intervene will terminate Duquesne Light’s participation in this proceeding. In support of this Petition to Withdraw, Duquesne Light states as follows:

1. On May 14, 2010, West Penn Power Company (“West Penn”), doing business as Allegheny Power, Trans-Allegheny Interstate line Company (“TrAILCo”) and FirstEnergy Corp. (“FirstEnergy”) (“Joint Applicants”) filed a Joint Application to obtain approval of the Commission for a change of control of West Penn and TrAILCo to be effected by the merger of

Allegheny Energy, Inc. (“Allegheny”) with Element Merger Sub., Inc. (“Merger Sub”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of FirstEnergy.

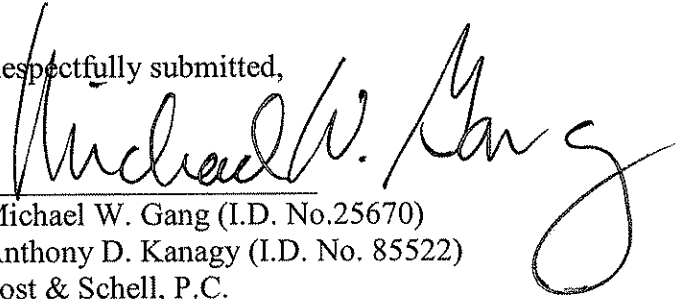
2. On June 11, 2010, Duquesne Light filed its Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In its Petition to Intervene, Duquesne Light indicated that it had several interconnections with FirstEnergy and West Penn and that Duquesne Light sought to examine whether the proposed merger would have adverse impacts in Duquesne Light’s service territory. Duquesne Light also sought to confirm that its existing agreements with FirstEnergy and Allegheny would not be adversely impacted by the merger.

3. A prehearing conference was held in the above-captioned proceeding on June 22, 2010. At the prehearing conference, the ALJs granted Duquesne Light’s Petition to Intervene.

4. During the course of this proceeding, Duquesne Light and the Joint Applicants have had discussions regarding the potential concerns raised by Duquesne Light in its Petition to Intervene. Through these discussions, the Joint Applicants have addressed Duquesne Light’s concerns. As a result, it is no longer necessary for Duquesne Light to participate in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Duquesne Light Company respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and Administrative Law Judges Wayne L. Weismandel and Mary D. Long grant Duquesne Light Company's request for leave to withdraw its Petition to Intervene, thereby terminating Duquesne Light Company's participation in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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