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December 15, 2010

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
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Re: Regis J. Lamonde C-2010-2184609
Ronald M. Johnson C-2010-2185929
Denise L. Emery C-2010-2190861
Theodore Miller and C-2010-2209374
Mary Miller
v.
Duquesne Light Company

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

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

Copies have been served upon all parties of record as shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christy M. Appleby".

Christy Appleby
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Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service
Office of Administrative Law Judge
Office of Special Assistants
Bureau of Fixed Utility Services

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BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Regis J. LaMonde, <i>et al.</i>	:	Docket No.	C-2010-2184609
Ronald M. Johnson	:	Docket No.	C-2010-2185929
Denise L. Emery	:	Docket No.	C-2010-2190861
Theodore and Mary Miller,	:	Docket No.	C-2010-2209374
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v.	:		
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Duquesne Light Company	:		

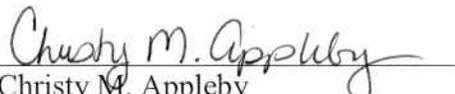
NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

Pursuant to 71 P.S. § 309-1, *et seq.*, and 52 Pa. Code § 5.71(a)(1), 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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Respectfully submitted,


Christy M. Appleby
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Pa. Attorney Id. No. 85824

Dated: December 15, 2010

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 interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to file a Notice of Intervention in proceedings before the Commission filed by Regis J. LaMonde, *et. al* against Duquesne Light Company at Docket Nos. C-2010-184609, *et al*.

Regis J. LaMonde, Ronald M. Johnson, Denise L. Emery, and Theodore and Mary Miller (collectively the Complainants) have filed Formal Complaints against Duquesne Light Company (Duquesne) regarding a power surge that occurred on April 21, 2010. These four Complaints have been consolidated for hearing on January 13, 2011. On April 21, 2010, a 23,000 volt line broke and made contact with a 4,000 volt line on the same pole. The contact created a power surge on the 4,000 volt line that provided power to the Complainants. The Complainants allege that the power surge caused significant damage to electronic equipment, including but not limited to, television sets, cable TV converters, a power surge protector, washing machines, dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, air conditioner, and portable phone.

The objective of the Consumer Advocate in filing a Notice of Intervention in this matter is to protect the interests of the customers in the Company's affected service territory. The Consumer Advocate will seek to determine why the power surge occurred and to ensure that the Company is in compliance with statutory provisions, regulations and Commission Orders mandating the continuation of safe, adequate and reasonable electric service to the Company's customers.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

Dated this 15th day of December 2010.

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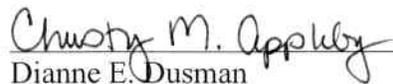
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