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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 2nd Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Duquesne Light Company Smart Meter Procurement and Installation Plan; Docket No. M-2009-2123948

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC" or "Commission") the original and three (3) copies of the Answer of the Duquesne Industrial Intervenors ("DII") in the above-referenced proceeding.

As evidenced by the attached Certificate of Service, all parties to the proceeding are being served with a copy of this document. Please date stamp the extra copy of this transmittal letter and Answer, and kindly return them for our filing purposes.

Very truly yours,

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c: Administrative Law Judge Robert P. Meehan (via E-mail and First-Class Mail) Certificate of Service

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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Duquesne Light Company Smart Meter Procurement And Installation Program

Docket No. M-2009-2123948

DUQUESNE INDUSTRIAL INTERVENORS ANSWER TO APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DUQUESNE LIGHT'S ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS, TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS AND VENDOR SELECTION

Pursuant to Section 5.61(a) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's ("PUC" or "Commission") regulations, 52 Pa. Code § 5.61(a), the Duquesne Industrial Intervenors ("DII")¹ hereby files this Answer to the Application of Duquesne Light Company ("Duquesne" or "Company") seeking approval of its Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") Assessment of Needs, Technology Solutions and Vendor Selection ("Assessment") filed on December 30, 2010. Duquesne filed the Assessment pursuant to its Smart Meter Procurement and Installation Plan ("SMPI Plan") filed on August 14, 2009, and approved by Commission Order dated May 11, 2010. The Assessment sets forth the Company's determination of the AMI features and functionality needed to meet the requirements of Act 129, PUC Orders, and Duquesne's own requirements due to its current systems. The Application states that the Company is still evaluating vendors and complete system costs, and that it will provide vendor and cost information in a supplemental filing by January 31, 2011. DII does not object to Duquesne Light Company's Assessment at this time. Pending a review of the supplemental cost and vendor

¹ DII filed a Petition to Intervene in this matter on September 25, 2009. The current DII members are the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Bayer Corporation, and United States Steel Corporation.

information, however, DII reserves its right to review and if necessary, question the reasonableness of such proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am this day serving a true copy of the foregoing document upon the participants listed below in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.54 (relating to service by a participant):

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Dated this 19th day of January, 2011, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.