

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265**

**Duquesne Light Company's  
Annual Reconciliation of Energy  
Efficiency and Conservation and  
Demand Response Surcharge Rider  
For the Year ended May 31, 2011**

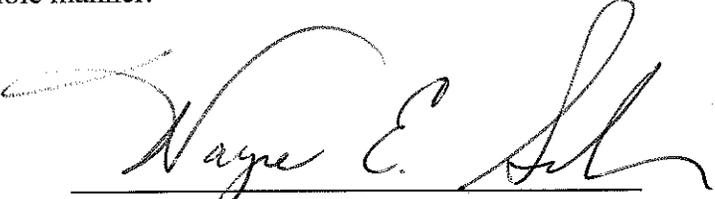
**Public Meeting held December 15, 2011  
2250387-ALJ  
Docket No. M-2011-2250387**

**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER WAYNE E. GARDNER**

On today's Agenda is the Recommended Decision of Administrative Law Judge Susan D. Colwell accepting Duquesne Light Company's Energy Efficiency and Conservation and Demand Response (EE&C) Surcharge Reconciliation, which was reviewed in a Section 1307(e) proceeding. Duquesne's EE&C filing was made consistent with the provisions of Duquesne's EE&C Implementation Order.<sup>1</sup>

Upon review of the record, I was struck by the very large over-collections from most of the rate classes. For instance, almost \$3 million of approximately \$7.9 million in EE&C revenues collected from the residential class this year is an over-collection. Overall, more than \$9.8 million of the \$23.6 million in Duquesne's total EE&C revenues is an over-collection on which Duquesne is not required to pay interest to its customers. While I am aware that over-collections are to be expected in the earlier stages of EE&C program implementation, I have concerns about Duquesne's level of spending at this point in time. Therefore, I am taking this opportunity to remind Duquesne of its responsibility to its ratepayers to spend these EE&C revenues in a prudent, timely and financially responsible manner.

**December 15, 2011**  
**Date**

  
**Wayne E. Gardner, Commissioner**

<sup>1</sup> *Petition of Duquesne Light Company for Approval of its Energy Efficiency and Conservation and Demand Response Plan, Approval of its Recovery of its Costs through a Reconcilable Adjustment Clause and Approval of Matters Relating to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan, Docket No. M-2009-2093217 (Order entered October 27, 2009).*