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To: Interested Parties

**Re: Petition of Duquesne Light Company for Approval of Plan
For Post-Transition Period Provider of Last Resort Service;
Docket No. R-00974104**

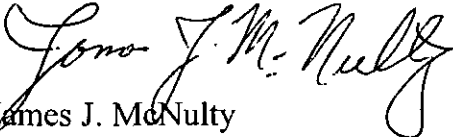
By Order entered on September 13, 2000, the Commission proposed to initiate a collaborative effort to address the proposal submitted by Duquesne Light Company on June 30, 2000 for handling its provider of last resort obligation during the period between the completion of the Company's transition period and December 31, 2004 (POLR II Plan). In that Order, the Commission sought written responses by interested parties within ten days regarding the acceptability of a collaborative approach in this proceeding and their willingness to provide the waivers necessary to permit Commissioners to participate as facilitators in the collaborative.

Several interested parties have submitted responses to the September 15, 2000 Order, supporting a collaborative and indicating their willingness to provide the necessary waivers to enable Commissioners to facilitate this collaborative. As a result, a Commission-sponsored collaborative will be conducted to address Duquesne's proposed POLR II Plan. The first meeting of the collaborative will be held on Wednesday, **October 4, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.**, in Executive Chambers, North Office Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Two Commissioners will participate as facilitators in this collaborative.

All interested parties are requested to attend this initial meeting, at which time you will be asked to sign the necessary waivers permitting the Commissioners to participate as facilitators in this collaborative. Additionally, you will be expected to meaningfully participate in the discussions with an objective toward resolving the issues raised by Duquesne's proposed POLR II Plan by a consensus of the interested parties.

Please direct any questions to Assistant Counsel Patricia Krise Burket at 717-787-3464. Thank you for your interest and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,


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