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FORM 2

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE FRED R. NENE: This is the
3 time for the first of three public input hearings in the
4 matter of the amended application of Duquesne Light. The
5 docket number is A-110150F0031. This is for the citing and
6 construction of 138,000 volt line in Hampton, McCandless
7 and Ross Townships.

8 We have scheduled a hearing for the public to
9 express their concerns concerning this proposal. We will
10 have another hearing tonight at 7:00, and there will be a
11 hearing tomorrow, another opportunity for the public to
12 testify, at 7:00 tomorrow night.

13 There will be evidentiary hearings scheduled in the
14 State Office Building July 11th, 12th and 13th if
15 necessary. At that time, the Duquesne Light, Applicant,
16 will present to the Commission the evidence of specifically
17 where this line is going and all the details, as their
18 statutory requirements compel them to do. They have to
19 show that this is a necessary line, that the impact will be
20 minimal and that this is most propitious route for the
21 placement of this line. It's about a five-mile line.

22 On my right here is the court reporter, and farther
23 down there are some employees and counsel for Duquesne
24 Light. I'm going to ask, when we get there, for Regina
25 Sestak, the counsel, to present a short outline of where

1 this line is going to go and where you can find more
2 detailed information concerning placement.

3 Also, you might have some particular questions that
4 representatives of the company can address either on the
5 record or aside if you want to talk on the side.

6 There's three ways you can participate in this
7 proceeding. The first way and the way that we develop a
8 record, is that if you wish to testify, you would be sworn
9 in or affirm that your testimony will be the truth and then
10 make the statement. Any statement you make will be taken
11 down verbatim, as everything else is, and that will be
12 presented to the Commission.

13 If you do testify under those conditions, you can be
14 cross examined by Ms. Sestak. She can ask you questions
15 concerning your testimony to help broaden it.

16 If you don't want to be sworn, you can just make a
17 statement and that statement won't be made part of the
18 record, but we will listen to it. Or, you can just
19 participate by listening.

20 I don't know that I introduced myself. My name is
21 Fred Nene. The Commission has assigned this case to me to
22 develop a record and to make an initial decision based on
23 the facts that are developed. That initial decision goes
24 to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, and there
25 will be an opportunity for Complainants or protestants to

1 file exceptions to that, or for the company to file
2 exceptions to the recommended decision that I give to the
3 Commission. The Commission then makes their own decision
4 based on the record presented to them.

5 As I say, there were some protestants who filed
6 formal protests to the application. There are about five
7 at this point, and there are two formal Complainants. They
8 will be treated exactly the same.

9 Those individuals will be presenting evidence at the
10 technical hearings that we have in July, and they will be
11 cross examining the witnesses that the company presents.
12 They will be presenting witnesses who, in turn, will be
13 cross examined by the company.

14 With that, I would ask Ms. Regina Sestak to tell us
15 briefly what the line is and where the residents can obtain
16 for information.

17 MS. SESTAK: Thank you, Your Honor. My name is
18 Regina Sestak. I'm the attorney for Duquesne Light Company
19 in this matter.

20 Just by way of background, no public utility may
21 construct a high-voltage line in the state of Pennsylvania
22 without prior permission of the Public Utility Commission.
23 A high-voltage line is defined as any overhead line with a
24 voltage greater than 100 kilo-volts.

25 In deciding whether or not to permit a public

1 utility to construct such a line, the Public Utility
2 Commission considers the present and future necessity, the
3 safety of the line, the line's impact and the availability
4 of alternate routes.

5 Duquesne Light Company contracted with an outside
6 consultant skilled in the siting of transmission lines and
7 received a number of alternative routes as well information
8 concerning the impact of each alternative. Based upon this
9 study, Duquesne Light Company chose the line that is
10 described in Duquesne Light Company's amended application.

11 Very briefly, that line begins at Duquesne Light's
12 Wildwood substation in Hampton Township, follows an access
13 road for approximately 400 feet and then goes southward
14 following the eastern boundary of North Park for
15 approximately 3900 feet.

16 It then turns southwest, follows and existing 23 kV
17 sub-transmission line of Duquesne Light through North Park.
18 It then turns westward, follows the southern boundary of
19 North Park for approximately 1600 feet.

20 It goes on from there to Peebles Road, follows
21 Peebles southwest and then follows and existing property
22 right-of-way for approximately 1600 feet and generally
23 follows Ringeisen Road and Duncan Avenue to the major
24 intersection with Thompson Run Road, Duncan Avenue and
25 Ferguson Road.

1 The line continues southward following Thompson Run
2 Road for about 5100 feet before it enters Ross Township.
3 It continues to follow Thompson Run Road for another 5400
4 feet and then turns east for 600 feet on Duquesne Light's
5 property to Duquesne Light Company's North Substation.

6 The purpose of these hearings here today is to
7 provide information to the assigned Public Utility
8 Commission Judge, Fred Nene, who will make an initial
9 decision as to whether or not to allow Duquesne Light to
10 construct the line.

11 Here with me today are two Duquesne Light Company
12 engineers who are involved in this project. I have beside
13 me, Homer Zucconi, who is a system planner. He is the
14 engineer in charge of the project to upgrade the Duquesne
15 Light Wildwood Substation which makes this line necessary.
16 Beside him is Paul Cass, who is the principal engineer
17 responsible for designing the facilities along the proposed
18 line.

19 In addition, if you have questions here today that
20 are not directly related to the Wildwood Substation
21 project, we have Duquesne Light Company employees who are
22 available to address those questions; specifically, Irene
23 Krepps, in the bright blue jacket near the wall, is a
24 customer service specialist who would be able to address
25 issues such as billing and payment and other customer

1 service issues, and Pam Niehaus in the back, who is the
2 person in charge of our local service center and is
3 responsible for the actual provision of service in this
4 area.

5 In addition, any media representatives who wish to
6 obtain further information may speak to Rich Sieber, who is
7 sitting in the back in a blue shirt, and any governmental
8 representatives who wish to obtain further information may
9 speak with either John Laudenslager or Adam Goldbach, both
10 of whom are sitting in the back. Thank you.

11 JUDGE NENE: As Ms. Sestak said, the purpose of
12 this is to gather some information and some public opinion.
13 I requested that anybody who would like to testify could
14 sign in. Nobody has signed in.

15 Sir, would you like to sign in?

16 MR. MILLER: Yes, I will sign in.

17 JUDGE NENE: As you are doing that, let me just
18 continue by saying you are free to say anything you want on
19 the record, but the court reporter, if she is going to
20 transcribe it, is going to have to know who you are.

21 If you want to talk to the individuals pointed out
22 by Ms. Sestak, if you want to talk to them on the side,
23 that's fine and you need not state your name for the record
24 here, but as I say, if you want to testify under oath, you
25 will have to state your name and proceed from there.

1 Sir, you are?

2 MR. MILLER: My name is Mr. Paul Miller.

3 JUDGE NENE: Mr. Miller, would you raise your right
4 hand?

5 Whereupon,

6 PAUL MILLER

7 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

8 DIRECT TESTIMONY

9 JUDGE NENE: Please start by stating your name and
10 address.

11 THE WITNESS: I'm Paul Miller, and I live at 1945
12 Shady Oak Circle, which the lines run right through my back
13 yard. They actually cut my property in half pretty much.

14 I just have a couple -- I mean, evidence-wise, these
15 lines are within 25 feet of the corner of our home. They
16 are within 15 feet of the corner of our patio, and our
17 child's swing set is right underneath.

18 I don't have the qualifications to speak on any kind
19 of health issues and that type of matter, but from the
20 standpoint when you look at the actual map, and I have seen
21 that on several occasions, it, to me, doesn't look to be to
22 scale. It looks as if, by that map, the lines are very,
23 very far back in the property, and they are not. They are
24 very close. My neighbor's addition, they run right over
25 top of his addition. So, that's the one point that I would

1 like to make, that they seem to look on the map to be very
2 far back in the property.

3 JUDGE NENE: Let me interrupt you. Are there lines
4 existent there now?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes, there's an existing line, which
6 they have a right-of-way that was purchased back in
7 whenever, early 1900s, that had initially just about a
8 five-kilowatt or whatever. It went to 23, now 135.

9 My other comment is that I feel that we had an
10 access -- or we had a right-of-way for an access road back
11 between these properties, and now we want to build a four-
12 lane highway, and it just doesn't seem reasonable to me to
13 be able to put that much there.

14 I did contact Duquesne Light at one point and they
15 came. Regina came and some other engineers and such came.
16 They looked at the possibility of moving those lines to the
17 back of our property. Of course, they will have to have
18 the agreement of everybody, the six or eight houses there
19 that it affects.

20 To me, that seemed to be, at least if this route is
21 still in use, that seems to be a reasonable request, to
22 have this pole removed and put it in the back of property.

23 That's really all I have to say as far as related to
24 my property.

25 JUDGE NENE: You said, Mr. Miller, you had

1 discussions with Duquesne Light. Are those discussions
2 finished, or is there still...

3 THE WITNESS: Well, they came and they visited and
4 they looked at that option, and it seemed to be that it
5 might have been favorable in their eyes. I mean, they
6 literally have gone down there and they have surveyed.
7 There are stakes and ribbons that they identified for...

8 JUDGE NENE: For an alternate path?

9 THE WITNESS: To move these lines back to these --
10 there are about seven or eight properties where it comes
11 down through Wildwood Golf Course property and then by
12 about eight of our properties and then it goes down over
13 the hill onto Peebles Road. My contention was, let's get
14 this in the back of the properties and do what you want
15 with it back there.

16 JUDGE NENE: Is there any consensus among your
17 neighbors?

18 THE WITNESS: Not really, not at this point. It
19 would be the last ditch -- I think, in most of their minds,
20 it would be the last option. Most people would prefer it
21 not to come our route, but if it was the worst case
22 scenario, they would probably opt for that option to have
23 it in the back of the woods there.

24 JUDGE NENE: You are referring to the option that
25 you would prefer?

1 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I would and I've talked to
2 others and they've said, as a last resort they possibly
3 would agree with that, but the main issue is that we do not
4 want the line coming this route at all.

5 JUDGE NENE: Ms. Sestak, do you have any questions?

6 MS. SESTAK: No, Your Honor.

7 JUDGE NENE: Do you have anything that you want to
8 say about negotiations on this area of Shady Oak Circle?

9 MS. SESTAK: Your Honor, we did go out. By we, I
10 mean myself and various other Duquesne Light Company
11 employees. We went out, we met with several of the
12 residents. One of our crews staked a possible alternate
13 route closer to the end of the property lines.

14 It's my understanding that an attorney in our real
15 estate department was in the process of sending out offers
16 of an option agreement to purchase a right-of-way at the
17 further back location, which, of course, would be
18 contingent -- moving the line is contingent upon both
19 getting approval of the siting of the line and the
20 agreement of all the affected neighbors.

21 The line can't zigzag from one house to another.
22 Not only would it be problematic for a number of reasons,
23 but it would require a lot of additional structures to keep
24 the poles from being pulled toward the center.

25 JUDGE NENE: Mr. Miller, anything else?

1 THE WITNESS: No, that's all.

2 JUDGE NENE: Thank you, sir.

3 (Witness excused.)

4 Anybody else that would like to testify, make a
5 statement on the record?

6 MR. POZZUTO: Yes.

7 JUDGE NENE: Yes, sir.

8 MR. POZZUTO: I'm George Pozzuto. I'm representing
9 Equitable Gas Company.

10 JUDGE NENE: Would you spell that, Mr. Pozzuto?

11 MR. POZZUTO: P-o-z-z-u-t-o.

12 JUDGE NENE: Thank you.

13 MR. POZZUTO: I have no objection whatsoever to the
14 placement of the line. I just wanted to say that we do
15 have distribution facilities throughout the project and...

16 JUDGE NENE: Equitable Gas?

17 MR. POZZUTO: Yes, sir. I just wanted it noted
18 that we are involved with the project and we will work with
19 Duquesne Light. If there are any lines that need to be
20 relocated, just let us know in advance and we will work
21 with you.

22 JUDGE NENE: Are you here in your official capacity
23 as a representative of Equitable?

24 MR. POZZUTO: Yes, sir. I'm a government
25 representative for Equitable Gas.

1 JUDGE NENE: Thank you. Ms. Sestak, do you have
2 any questions?

3 MS. SESTAK: No, Your Honor. Your Honor, may I
4 clarify something that I said earlier?

5 JUDGE NENE: Yes, sure.

6 MS. SESTAK: I believe I said that an attorney in
7 our real estate department was working on putting together
8 option agreements on the Shady Oak Circle matter.
9 Actually, it's an attorney in the legal unit acting on
10 behalf of the part of the company that controls real estate
11 acquisitions.

12 JUDGE NENE: Okay, but overall, this is still an
13 open issue regarding Shady Oak Circle?

14 MS. SESTAK: Yes.

15 JUDGE NENE: Okay. It's an awfully rainy day. I
16 sure would like somebody else to say something that would
17 shed some light on this line. I expect a larger crowd this
18 evening and maybe tomorrow evening, but we want to develop
19 a record of the people who are most affected by this
20 proposed application.

21 Yes, sir?

22 MR. COOK: I don't have any testimony as to...

23 JUDGE NENE: Do you want to state your name and do
24 you want to be sworn?

25 MR. COOK: If I can give an opinion, yes.

1 JUDGE NENE: Yes, sure, we want opinions.

2 Whereupon,

3 DONALD M. COOK

4 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

5 DIRECT TESTIMONY

6 JUDGE NENE: Just state your name and address for
7 the record.

8 THE WITNESS: My name is Donald M. Cook. I live at
9 8265 Thompson Run Road.

10 JUDGE NENE: I'm going to have to ask you to spell
11 that.

12 THE WITNESS: Donald M. Cook?

13 JUDGE NENE: Your name and the street.

14 THE WITNESS: D-o-n-a-l-d M. C-o-o-k, 8265 Thompson
15 Run Road.

16 JUDGE NENE: Okay, thank you.

17 THE WITNESS: I have pole that sits about 40 feet
18 from my front door. It's within two feet of my driveway
19 entrance. I've had some experiences with high-power lines
20 in Rochester, New York. That's where I'm from. I've been
21 here about eight years.

22 I did see two of my coworkers, that they put high-
23 power lines through their property. Unfortunately, selling
24 the property -- it had a big impact on selling the
25 property.

FORM 2

1 I know that they are saying the radiation -- I know
2 nothing about the health factors. The thing is, in the
3 public mind when you are buying a house, that's very
4 dominant. For people who have children -- I don't, but
5 other people selling a house or buying a house do.

6 In reality, that line, for two reasons -- my point
7 is it's not in a good location. Most of the people on
8 Thompson Run are within 65 feet of that.

9 I don't know what the extension of the poles have to
10 be. Can you tell me that?

11 MS. SESTAK: Would you like us to respond, Your
12 Honor?

13 JUDGE NENE: Yes, I would like you to respond.

14 MS. SESTAK: Mr. Cass.

15 MR. CASS: The poles right now, I believe, are in
16 the range of about 50-foot average size. That's pole
17 length which includes imbeddment, so it's probably 42 feet
18 or something like that average. We will be going with
19 probably 75- to 80-foot poles, which again would be
20 imbedded, so the pole above ground will be about 65 feet,
21 about 20 to 25 feet taller than the existing ones.

22 THE WITNESS: There seems to be to be a lot of
23 personal problems here. What if one of those poles gets
24 clipped? You are talking about a 65-foot pole and 50-foot
25 section. Where's it going to go, my house, neighbor's

1 house? You get a 135,000-volt line hitting the ground,
2 something is going to happen.

3 JUDGE NENE: You can respond if you want, or Ms.
4 Sestak, you can respond.

5 MS. SESTAK: Your Honor, that is speculative. It
6 would depend on a lot of things, including the type of
7 pole, the force with which it's struck, what strikes it.
8 I'm not certain that Mr. Cass can accurately answer that.

9 JUDGE NENE: Yes, I can't either. You said that
10 this pole is located two feet from your garage?

11 THE WITNESS: No, it's exactly two feet from my
12 driveway entrance, approximately 55 feet from my front
13 porch as it is now.

14 JUDGE NENE: There is a pole there, though?

15 THE WITNESS: Oh, yes.

16 JUDGE NENE: It hasn't been hit?

17 THE WITNESS: No, but one up the road was. If you
18 just take a look at the records in McCandless...

19 JUDGE NENE: Just for the record, are you on a
20 section of Thompson Run Road where it's a straight-away?

21 THE WITNESS: It's a straight-away. It goes down
22 and comes back up.

23 JUDGE NENE: Accidents are so speculative anyway,
24 they can happen anywhere.

25 THE WITNESS: I understand.

1 JUDGE NENE: That's a concern. I can see your
2 concern.

3 THE WITNESS: With the raising of the pole, in
4 reality, that thing hits the ground, something is going to
5 go. You know it and I know it. I mean, you know, the wet
6 weather, who knows what's going to happen.

7 In reality, I wouldn't put a line like that within
8 200 yards of a house. I'm sorry, but that's how I feel. I
9 seen done in Rochester and I know what happened there.

10 JUDGE NENE: I've also seen poles that have been
11 completely sheared off and they hang by the rest of the
12 line.

13 THE WITNESS: That's true, sir. I guess I'm
14 figuring the worst scenario, but I have to do that, being a
15 homeowner.

16 JUDGE NENE: Sure you do. Ms. Sestak, do you have
17 any questions?

18 MS. SESTAK: No, Your Honor.

19 JUDGE NENE: Thank you, Mr. Cook.

20 (Witness excused.)

21 Anybody else?

22 MR. JANOSKO: Yes, Your Honor.

23 JUDGE NENE: You will have to sign in and you will
24 have to be sworn.

25 MR. JANOSKO: Sure.

1 JUDGE NENE: Would you raise your hand and be
2 sworn?

3 Whereupon,

4 MARK R. JANOSKO
5 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

6 DIRECT TESTIMONY

7 JUDGE NENE: Tell us who you are and where you
8 reside, please?

9 THE WITNESS: My name is Mark Richard Janosko, 1649
10 Penn Oak, two words, Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237.

11 JUDGE NENE: Mr. Janosko, you are the complainant
12 in this matter. You filed a complaint that's been given a
13 docket number.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor. Somehow my name has
15 been put as the plaintiff in this matter, I guess, or
16 Complainant.

17 JUDGE NENE: Yes. Just for your information, there
18 were two protests, what should have been considered formal
19 protests, that were given a docket number as a formal
20 complaint. Your case has been consolidated with this one,
21 and the second complaint will also be consolidated. So,
22 you are in the caption in this matter.

23 We would welcome what you have to say now, Mr.
24 Janosko, and you can attend, present evidence and cross
25 examine at the technical hearings that are scheduled for

1 the 11th of July also.

2 THE WITNESS: Okay.

3 JUDGE NENE: You can proceed now, but...

4 THE WITNESS: With your permission, I would like to
5 read the initial letter that I had sent to the Public
6 Utility Commission and to Duquesne Light and other parties,
7 some local politicians, voicing my concerns about the
8 Wildwood project.

9 JUDGE NENE: You can read your letter.

10 THE WITNESS: I think you guys should already have
11 the letter.

12 JUDGE NENE: I don't know what letter you are going
13 to read, but go ahead.

14 THE WITNESS: This letter is dated February 22nd,
15 2006. This is in regard to the Duquesne Light Wildwood
16 project, PA PUC docket number A-110150F0631. It involves
17 replacing the existing 23 kV sub-transmission line with a
18 138,000 kV line. Duquesne Light plans to run a new high-
19 voltage line along it's existing corridor.

20 I have some major concerns about this. The EPA has
21 concluded many years ago that EMFs, which is
22 electromagnetic fields, that are released by electric lines
23 are deemed safe, even the higher strand EMFs that are
24 released by high-voltage lines such as the propose 138 kV
25 line.

1 The EPA and utility companies cite many specific
2 articles to support their argument. However, over the last
3 decade great evidence has been gathered that would refute
4 these claims.

5 I have cited a paper here, Childhood Cancers in.
6 Relation to Distance From High-voltage Power Lines. In
7 England and Wales, a case control study was published in
8 the British Medical Journal in 2005. They conclude that
9 there is significant risk of leukemia in children that live
10 within 600 meters of high-voltage lines. They reference
11 other articles that support these conclusions as well, and
12 I also found other articles linking high-voltage lines with
13 increased cancer risks, not only in children, but there's
14 some suggestion that there may be some increased risks in
15 adults as well, although that's not as conclusive as this
16 article claims.

17 How much risk this poses to individuals is anyone's
18 guess, but clearly, studies prove that there is some risk
19 and that high-voltage lines are not entirely safe, as the
20 EPA has supported in the past.

21 Electrical demands have greatly increased over the
22 last 15 years in the northern area of Allegheny County as
23 there has been a tremendous growth in population and
24 construction, and Duquesne Light should definitely attempt
25 to modernize its electrical grid to meet these demands, but

1 Duquesne Light needs to consider a low-voltage line or
2 other locations which are less populated.

3 There are hundreds, if not a few thousand, homes
4 within 600 meters of the projected corridor, and many
5 children live in this area. In my opinion, Duquesne Light
6 would be negligent to proceed with it's current plan.

7 Again, I said that to the PUC back in February, and
8 I think Duquesne Light has also received a copy of that.
9 Their attorney has also filed comment on that, if I am
10 correct.

11 MS. SESTAK: I believe we answered that as part of
12 the complaint.

13 JUDGE NENE: Ms. Sestak, do you intend to produce
14 testimony on this subject at the hearings?

15 MS. SESTAK: Yes, Your Honor, we do. We have
16 retained and internationally recognized expert on electric
17 and magnetic fields by the name of William H. Bailey, who
18 will be available to testify at the evidentiary hearings.

19 JUDGE NENE: Mr. Janosko, then you can cross
20 examine their witness who presents testimony on this
21 subject. Of course, if you care to present a witness to
22 present expert testimony, I understand it's a difficult
23 thing, but that option is available to you.

24 THE WITNESS: Sure, I understand.

25 JUDGE NENE: Although, it's a little untimely for

1 notice, but you are certainly able to cross examine any
2 witnesses that are produced on that subject.

3 THE WITNESS: I appreciate that opportunity. I
4 also wanted to comment because the prior person here,
5 giving their opinion on this subject, did mention about the
6 current pole near their his house and concerns about
7 accidents.

8 Duquesne Light mentioned that as being speculative,
9 but they sent me information here that I assume they are
10 planning on presenting at the official hearings. This
11 looks like a deposition that was given by Homer Zucconi.
12 He mentions some things in his deposition that is also
13 speculative.

14 JUDGE NENE: Well, that's not a deposition. I
15 assume that that's the testimony that this witness is
16 prepared to present. Again, you will have an opportunity
17 to cross examine him. This is so you know what his
18 testimony is in advance and you can ask him questions about
19 it.

20 THE WITNESS: I understand, but the reason why I am
21 commenting on this is because Duquesne Light has already
22 commented on the other person's opinion about potential
23 accidents and they mentioned that as speculative. They
24 mention in their formal statement here, things that are
25 also speculative about potential power outages and the

1 reason why they want to change the current conditions.
2 That's the reason why I bring it up.

3 JUDGE NENE: Okay. Do you have any comments you
4 want to make on those subjects yourself?

5 THE WITNESS: Not other than to say that their
6 comments are also speculative when they talk about
7 potential power outages or problems with electrical storms.
8 I am assuming that existing -- my house exists on the
9 current corridor where the 23 kV line runs. Am I getting
10 power from that line?

11 MS. SESTAK: I'm not certain, Your Honor. I am not
12 prepared to address that at this point.

13 JUDGE NENE: The line is going past your property,
14 right?

15 THE WITNESS: Right.

16 JUDGE NENE: I would assume that it's a service...

17 MS. SESTAK: It's not a distribution line. It's
18 presently a 23 kV sub-transmission line taking power to the
19 Wildwood Substation, which presently a 4 kV substation:
20 The plan with the new transmission line will be to raise
21 the voltage to 138 kV and upgrade the substation to 23 kV
22 substation. In other words, the distribution lines coming
23 out would be at 23 kV.

24 I'm not certain whether the electric that flows
25 along that sub-transmission right now ultimately runs

1 through the substation and comes back to this gentleman's
2 home or not.

3 JUDGE NENE: Well, I assume that there is a service
4 line coming from the pole that carries the transmission
5 line also, or is there another...

6 MS. SESTAK: The sub-transmission line does not
7 carry power that is distributed. There are other
8 distribution lines on the pole that carry it.

9 JUDGE NENE: On the same pole?

10 MS. SESTAK: On the same pole, right. What we are
11 talking about here is just the bulk power supply to the
12 substation, not the distribution of the power to the
13 individual homes.

14 JUDGE NENE: No, we are considering the application
15 for a transmission line.

16 MS. SESTAK: Right.

17 JUDGE NENE: Then if the company wants to put new
18 service lines, you don't need the Commission's authority,
19 do you?

20 MS. SESTAK: Correct. The point I was trying to
21 make, though, is that right now, as Mr. Zucconi's testimony
22 explains in much greater detail, because the Wildwood
23 Substation was built in the 1930s and it's not up to par
24 for servicing the current population in this area, some of
25 the population in this area is being served out of

1 adjoining substations.

2 Once the Wildwood Substation is upgraded, if it's
3 possible, if we would get permission to bring the power
4 into it, then the lines will be reconfigured. I'm not
5 certain whether Mr. Janosko currently receives service out
6 of the Wildwood Substation, whether he would receive
7 service out of the Wildwood Substation subsequent to its
8 upgrade or whether he is one of the people being served by
9 the adjoining substations due to the lacking in the present
10 Wildwood Substation.

11 I realize this is getting a little convoluted. The
12 bottom line, the answer is I don't know offhand whether he
13 is presently served by the power flowing through that 23 kV
14 sub-transmission line.

15 JUDGE NENE: Thank you.

16 THE WITNESS: The reason why I bring this up, Your
17 Honor, is because in the testimony that is given by Mr.
18 Zucconi, he mentions the possibility of storms hitting the
19 current line or even a potential accident affecting power,
20 and that one of their concerns would be that the power
21 would be out -- power would not be available for an
22 extended period of time.

23 I apologize because I'm trying to summarize what he
24 is commenting on in his testimony, but the only time that I
25 have personally noticed any lack of power that I would

1 consider to be inconvenient was last year when we had the
2 large hurricane hit the area. I think it was hurricane
3 Ivan. My power was out for several hours.

4 I would say that I'm estimating my power is out only
5 three to four times per year more than a couple seconds, so
6 I don't feel that this is a great inconvenience to me, as
7 has been alluded to in the testimony provided by Duquesne
8 Light.

9 JUDGE NENE: That's exactly the kind of testimony
10 we like to hear at the public input hearings, the frequency
11 of outages. That's what we like to hear here about. You
12 can get into the other matters on a more general basis.

13 THE WITNESS: My concerns are that -- my other
14 concern is more for safety issues.

15 JUDGE NENE: Safety or health?

16 THE WITNESS: Well, I would consider health part of
17 safety.

18 JUDGE NENE: Okay.

19 THE WITNESS: Like I said, the EPA has deemed that
20 EMFs by high-voltage lines is safe, but there have been --
21 new studies have come out that suggest that this is not
22 entirely safe.

23 I think, in my opinion, Duquesne Light needs to look
24 at other alternatives, which they have looked at other
25 alternatives, but need to consider those more carefully

1 before putting a high-voltage line which is essentially six
2 times more power than is what is currently being offered in
3 that area, and consider moving that high-voltage line to a
4 less densely populated area, preferably as least densely
5 populated as possible.

6 I know that they have at least looked into this
7 issue, but I think the current corridor is being used out
8 of convenience and not necessarily considering all the
9 potential health hazards that can come into play.

10 JUDGE NENE: Ms. Sestak, do you have any questions?

11 MS. SESTAK: No, Your Honor.

12 JUDGE NENE: Anything further, Mr. Janosko?

13 THE WITNESS: That's it for now, Your Honor.

14 JUDGE NENE: We will see you in July then. Thank
15 you.

16 (Witness excused.)

17 Would anyone else care to testify on their concerns
18 for this line?

19 (No response.)

20 Then we will conclude this hearing. We will resume
21 at 7:00 this evening here again. Thank you very much for
22 coming.

23 (Whereupon, at 1:45 p.m., the hearing was adjourned,
24 to be reconvened at 7:00 p.m. this same day.)

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