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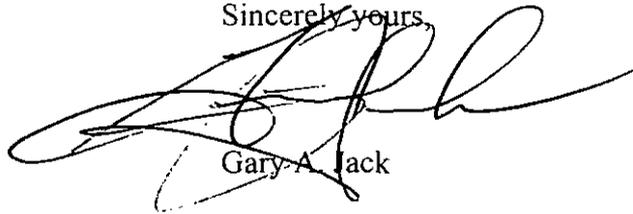
**Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission vs. Duquesne Light Company
Duquesne Light Company Base Rate Case
Docket No. ~~00061346-0008~~**

R-0006134600008

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Enclosed is the Answer of Duquesne Light Company in the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely yours,



Gary A. Jack

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Enclosures

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Judge Larry Gesoff

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**BEFORE THE
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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission :
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v. :
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Duquesne Light Company :

Docket No. P00061346C0008

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

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TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

Duquesne Light Company hereby answers the above-captioned Complaint of Charles E. Swintek.

1. The averments of Paragraph No. 1 are admitted.
2. The averments of Paragraph No. 2 of the Complaint are admitted.
3. The averments of Paragraph No. 3 of the Complaint are admitted.
4. The averments of Paragraph No. 4a of the Complaint is a statement of Complainant's subjective intent in this proceeding. As such, this statement is not an averment of fact, and no response is required. The averments of Paragraph No. 4b of the Complaint are denied in part and admitted in part. Duquesne Light Company represents that generation stranded costs were determined for Duquesne Light Company. Those charges are no longer paid for by customers. The exhibits and testimony filed by Duquesne Light Company in support of its proposed increase in base rates fully justify the proposed increase. Duquesne Light Company's proposed rates are just, reasonable, nondiscriminatory and fully comply

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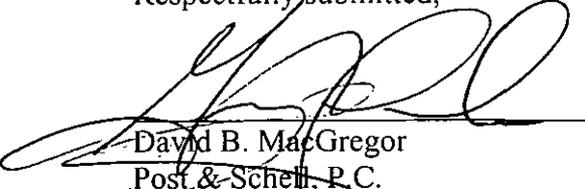
with all applicable provisions of the Public Utility Code and opinions of the appellate courts of Pennsylvania interpreting the Public Utility Code.

5. The statements of Paragraph 5 are requests for relief to which no response is required. However, *DLC* would represent that the proposed distribution system improvements are needed and recovery for such expenditures is reasonable.
6. There are no averments or allegations proposed in Paragraph 6.
7. Duquesne Light Company admits Complainant has not discussed this proceeding with it but denies the remaining portions of the Paragraph. Duquesne Light Company does not have an objection to Complainant participating in this proceeding so long as he conforms to the existing procedural schedule.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, Duquesne Light Company respectfully requests that the complaint of the Complainant be denied.

Dated this 5th of August, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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