

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105**

**Petition of Duquesne Light Co. for Waiver and  
Suspension of Meter Testing Requirements  
Under 52 PA. Code §§57.20(e) & 57.21(f)**

**Public Meeting: December 22, 2016  
2525790-LAW  
Docket No. P-2016-2525790**

**2012 Duquesne Light Company Smart Meter  
Procurement and Installation Plan (2012 SMP)**

**Docket No. M-2009-2123948**

**2012 Duquesne Light Company Smart Meter  
Procurement and Installation Plan (2015 SMP)**

**Docket No. P-2015-2497267**

**JOINT STATEMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN ANDREW G. PLACE  
AND CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN**

Before us today is Duquesne Light Company's (Duquesne or Company) Petition for Reconsideration (Petition) of the Commission's June 23, 2016 Order which denied the Company's request for waiver of certain meter testing regulations.<sup>1</sup> Duquesne seeks reconsideration of our interpretation of the Commission's 2009 Smart Meter Procurement and Installation Order<sup>2</sup> and requests a waiver of Section 57.20(h) for an alternate testing plan. No answers were filed to the Company's Petition.

At the time that the Commission denied Duquesne's petition for waiver of certain meter testing regulations, we expressed our concern that the Company had not adequately explained why broad public notice was not provided to its customers given the importance of meter accuracy. We determined that there was not enough factual information to allow us to thoroughly consider how granting the requested waiver would affect rates. Thus, the Commission requested information on savings to ratepayers as well as responses to certain questions attached to the Order assuming that the Company would file a revised petition for waiver. In its Petition for Reconsideration, Duquesne indicated that it would file the requested data as it relates to the waiver of 52 Pa. Code §57.20(h).<sup>3</sup>

At this time, the Company has not filed the requested data with their Petition for Reconsideration nor has it filed a revised petition for waiver including the requested responses. We continue to find it necessary that the Company provide responses to all of the Commission's inquiries so that we are better able to assess Duquesne's argument of whether the entirety of Section 57.20(h) should be waived regarding meter testing for legacy meters that are being replaced by smart meters. We encourage Duquesne to file their arguments and additional

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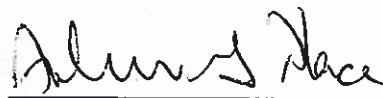
<sup>1</sup> On January 25, 2016, Duquesne filed a petition seeking a waiver of certain meter testing regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§57.20(e) and 57.21(f).

<sup>2</sup> See *Smart Meter Procurement and Installation*, Docket No. M-2009-2092655 (Order entered June 24, 2009).

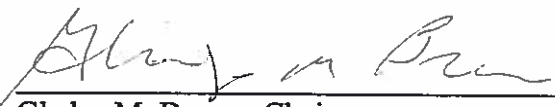
<sup>3</sup> See Petition at 12.

information at the above-captioned docket related to their smart meter procurement and installation plan.

DATE: December 22, 2016



Andrew G. Place, Vice Chairman



Gladys M. Brown, Chairman