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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
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RE: Ellen Costa & James Bruwelheide v. Duquesne Light Company  
Docket # C-2017-2602351

Dear Sirs:

This is in response to "New Matters" brought forth by Duquesne Light Company (DLC) as a result of the formal complaint that I, James Bruwelheide, have filed with PUC.

- DLC has included in their response *Exhibit A*, which is the Right of Way Agreement dated August 12, 1926
  - In DLC's response, #11, they state that the Commission lacks the jurisdiction to adjudicate the issues presented in the Formal Complaint to the extent they relate to the scope of the validity of Duquesne Light's right of way over the Property.
  - DLC's *Exhibit A* should then be removed and any reference to DLC's claim to right of way should be voided in their New Matter response since they have indicated that the Commission has no right to adjudicate to right of way matters
  
- DLC has a past practice history of pruning rather than removal of vegetation. This method appeared to provide the required level of safety and service of the transmission lines
  - DLC claim to adhere to the latest arboricultural-related standards, include those issued by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
    - At this point in time, there are over 9,500 ANSI Standards that have been created
    - It is unclear as to which ANSI Standards and which section of such standards have been adopted
    - It is unclear as to which governing body has allowed the adoption of such standards and the date of adoption, as well as the year of the standards that was adopted
  - It would appear that DLC's statement in regards to ANSI Standards has no bearing in this case
  
- DLC's states that on or about February 9, 2017 the DLC Vegetation Management Supervisor spoke to me about the work to be performed on my property
  - To clarify, the date was February 15, 2017

- DLC goes on further to state that I has expressed interest in the tree voucher process
  - Having only interacted with the Vegetation Management Supervisor for 30 minutes, it is unclear how he can determine what interests that I may have, let alone interest in a proposed list of replacement trees
  
- The Vegetation Management Supervisor had then asked for my email in order to send me this proposed list of trees, an email address was provided and the list was received on February 17, 2017
  - The Vegetation Management Supervisor had requested that I call him in that email
  - I did not respond to his request
  - The Vegetation Management Supervisor then had left two voice mail message for me after I had received his email
  - I did return his call after his second call on March 15, 2017 to confirm that I had received this list
  - I stated to the Vegetation Management Supervisor that by receiving this list "that I had not agreed to anything"
  - This is contrary to the statement in the DLC New Matter issue and DLC's statement is misleading and incorrect has no bearing on this complaint
  
- The continuation of DLC's "past practice" of managing vegetation via trimming and pruning rather than removal continues to be the reason for this Formal Compliant. The items listed above in regards to DLC's "New Maters" and their response are irrelevant as noted and should be dismissed

Respectfully,

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James Bruwelheide

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