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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2nd Floor
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: Duquesne Light Company – Rider No. 22 Distribution System Improvement Charge
Supplement No. 161 to Tariff Electric – PA. P.U.C. No. 24
Docket No. – M-2017-_____**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing, please find an original copy of Supplement No. 161 to Duquesne Light Company's ("Company") Tariff-Electric, PA. P.U.C. No. 24, which amends Rider No. 22 – Distribution System Improvement Charge, to become effective October 1, 2017. Five Schedules comprising supporting documentation are also enclosed.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or David Ogden, Manager of Rates and Tariff Services, at 412-393-6343.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Zimmerman", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Cc: Enclosures
Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. § 1.54

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Office of Small Business Advocate
300 North Second Street
Suite 1102
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Office of Consumer Advocate
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Dated: September 21, 2017

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Duquesne Light Company for Approval of a Distribution System Improvement Charge	:	:	Docket No. P-2016-2540046
Distribution System Improvement Charge – Duquesne Light Company	:	:	Docket No. M-2017-2594939

VERIFICATION

I, Scott Ward, hereby state that the personnel performing DCIS-eligible work are qualified and that any DSIC-eligible work that is performed by independent contractors is properly inspected by utility employees, in compliance with 66 Pa.C.S. § 1359.

The facts set forth above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).



Dated: September 21, 2017



SCHEDULE OF RATES

For Electric Service in Allegheny and Beaver Counties

(For List of Communities Served, see Pages No. 4 and 5)

Issued By

DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY

411 Seventh Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Richard Riazzi
President and Chief Executive Officer

ISSUED: September 21, 2017

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2017

Issued in compliance with Commission Order entered September 15, 2016,
at Docket No.P-2016-2540046.

NOTICE

THIS TARIFF SUPPLEMENT INCREASES A RATE WITHIN AN EXISTING RIDER

See Page Two

LIST OF MODIFICATIONS MADE BY THIS TARIFF

INCREASE

Rider No. 22 – Distribution System Improvement Charge

Fourth Revised Page No. 112B
Cancelling Third Revised Page No. 112B

The Distribution System Improvement Charge has been adjusted as required by the provisions of the Rider. The monthly charge applicable to all rates has increased from 1.74% to 2.81% for the period October 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

STANDARD CONTRACT RIDERS - (Continued)**RIDER NO. 22 – DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGE****(Applicable to All Rates)**

In addition to the net charges provided for in this Tariff, a charge of 2.81% (two point eight one percent) will apply consistent with the Commission Order entered September 15, 2016, at Docket No. P-2016-2540046 approving the Distribution System Improvement Charge (“DSIC”). (I)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION**PURPOSE**

To recover the reasonable and prudent costs incurred to repair, improve, or replace eligible property which is completed and placed in service and recorded in the individual accounts, as noted below, between base rate cases and to provide the Company with the resources to accelerate the replacement of aging infrastructure, to comply with evolving regulatory requirements and to develop and implement solutions to regional supply problems.

The costs of extending facilities to serve new customers are not recoverable through the DSIC.

ELIGIBLE PROPERTY

The DSIC-eligible property will consist of the following:

- Poles and towers (account 364);
- Overhead conductors (account 365) and underground conduit and conductors (accounts 366 and 367);
- Line transformers (account 368) and substation equipment (account 362);
- Any fixture or device related to eligible property listed above including insulators, circuit breakers, fuses, reclosers, grounding wires, cross arms and brackets, relays, capacitors, converters and condensers;
- Unreimbursed costs related to highway relocation projects where an electric distribution company must relocate its facilities; and
- Other related capitalized costs.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The DSIC will become effective October 1, 2016.

Duquesne Light Company
Schedule 1 - Computation of Cumulative Distribution System Improvement Charge
October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

<u>Line No.</u>		<u>Total</u>	
1	Applicable Plant	103,517,893	Schedule 2, Line 2, Column O
	Less:		
2	Accumulated Depreciation	1,254,945	Schedule 2, Line 3, Column O
	DSI = Distribution System Improvement Projects		
3	Net of Accumulated Depreciation and Retirements	102,262,948	Line 1 - Line 2
4	PTRR = Pre-tax return rate applicable to DSIC-eligible property	2.73%	Schedule 3, Line 5, Column F
5	Pre-Tax Return	2,790,756	Line 3 * Line 4
6	Dep = Depreciation Expense	527,226	Schedule 2, Line 5, Column M through O
7	E = Experienced Net (Over)/Under Collections	(621)	Note 2
8	Net Amount to be Recovered, including (Over)/Under Collections (w/o GRT)	<u>3,317,360</u>	Line 5 + Line 6 + Line 7
9	Net Amount to be Recovered, including (Over)/Under Collections (w/ GRT)	<u>3,525,356</u>	Line 8 * Note 1
10	PQR = Projected Quarterly Distribution Revenue	<u>125,274,554</u>	Schedule 2, Line 6, Columns Q through S
11	DSIC = Distribution System Improvement Charge Rate % of Billed Distribution Revenues (w/ GRT)	2.81%	Line 9 / Line 10

Note 1:

$1/(1-T) = (T = 5.9\% \text{ Gross Receipts Tax} = \text{GRT})$

Note 2:

Exhibit 1, Line 9 divided by 4, of the Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC") Reconciliation Report, dated January 30, 2017 at Docket No. M-2017-2586436.

Duquesne Light Company
Schedule 2 - Computation of Cumulative Distribution System Improvement Charge by Month
October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Line No.	(A) Jun-16	(B) Jul-16	(C) Aug-16	(D) Sep-16	(E) Oct-16	(F) Nov-16	(G) Dec-16	(H) Jan-17	(I) Feb-17	(J) Mar-17	(K) Apr-17	(L) May-17	(M) Jun-17
1	\$ 2,983,936	\$ 4,023,446	\$ 3,979,703	\$ 3,738,993	\$ 8,249,160	\$ 12,131,080	\$ 3,334,541	\$ 4,019,454	\$ 8,283,163	\$ 7,716,378	\$ 3,904,221	\$ 12,120,729	\$ 6,612,834
2	2,983,936	7,007,382	10,987,085	14,726,077.89	22,975,237	35,106,317	38,440,858	42,460,312	50,743,475	58,459,853	62,364,074	74,484,803	81,097,637
3	3,054	13,370	32,090	58,747	96,979	155,130	228,407	284,295	406,227	516,348	637,966	772,490	926,379
DSI = Distribution System Improvement Projects													
4	\$ 2,980,882	\$ 6,994,011	\$ 10,954,996	\$ 14,667,331	\$ 22,878,259	\$ 34,951,188	\$ 38,212,452	\$ 42,176,017	\$ 50,337,248	\$ 57,943,505	\$ 61,726,108	\$ 73,712,313	\$ 80,171,257
5	3,054	10,316	18,719	26,657	38,232	58,151	73,277	80,874	97,564	110,066	121,889	138,268	157,788
6	Projected 2017 Distribution Revenues												

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October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Line No.	(N) Jul-17	(O) Aug-17	(P) Sep-17	(Q) Oct-17	(R) Nov-17	(S) Dec-17	
1	\$ 7,321,969	\$ 15,098,287	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2	88,419,605	103,517,893	-	-	-	-	
3	1,071,668	1,254,945	-	-	-	-	
DSI = Distribution System Improvement Projects							
4	\$ 87,347,937	\$ 102,262,948	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Line 2 - Line 3
5	172,859	196,579					
6				\$ 40,439,046	\$ 40,055,885	\$ 44,779,623	

Duquesne Light Company
Schedule 3 - Computation of Cumulative Distribution System Improvement Charge Pre-Tax Rate of Return
October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	
Line No.	Description	Capitalized Ratio (1)	Embedded Cost	Rate of Return	Tax Multiplier (3)	Pre-Tax Rate of Return (PTRR) (1)
1	Long-Term Debt	45.67%	4.78% (1)	2.18%	-	2.18%
2	Preferred	1.45%	4.09% (1)	0.06%	1.70921	0.10%
3	Common Equity (2)	52.88%	9.55% (2)	5.05%	1.70921	8.63%
4	Total	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>7.29%</u>		<u>10.92%</u>
5				Annual PTRR / 4 Quarters =		2.73%

(1) The pre-tax rate of return is calculated using the statutory state and federal income tax rates, the Company's actual capital structure and actual cost rates for long-term debt and preferred stock as of the last day for the three-month period ending one month prior to the effective date of the DSIC and subsequent updates. See Schedules 4 and 5 for additional detail.

(2) Cost of common equity reflects the published Market Based Returns on Common Equity in the First Quarter 2017 Quarterly Earnings Report Summary, Docket No. M-2017-2611032.

(3) The tax multiplier is calculated as follows: $1/[(1 - \text{Pa. Tax Rate}) \times (1 - \text{Fed. Tax Rate})]$ where the Pa. tax rate is 9.99% and the Fed. Tax rate is 35%
 $1/[(1 - 9.99\%) \times (1 - 35\%)] = 1.709211797$

Duquesne Light Company
Schedule 4 - Calculation of Capital Structure and Related Ratios
As of August 31, 2017

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Total Company Actual Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Ratios</u>	
	(1)	(2)	
1	Total Debt (Sch. 5., Col. 1)	\$ 1,036,187,411	45.67%
2	Total Preferred & Preference Stock (Sch. 5., Col. 1)	32,985,500	1.45%
3	<u>Common Equity:</u>		
4	Common stock	-	
5	Premium on capital stock	-	
6	Other paid in capital	988,426,520	
7	Capital stock expense	-	
8	Retained earnings	224,174,875	
9	Unappropriated undistributed sub earnings	(14,281,765)	
10	Accumulated other comp income	<u>1,471,958</u>	
11	Total Common Equity	<u>1,199,791,588</u>	<u>52.88%</u>
12	Total Capital	<u>\$ 2,268,964,499</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Duquesne Light Company
Schedule 5 - Cost of Debt and Preferred Stock as Adjusted
As of August 31, 2017

Line No	Description	[1] Amount Outstanding	[2] Percent to Total	[3] Effective Interest Rate	[4] Annual Interest Cost	[5] Average Weighted Cost Rate
1	1st Mortgage Bond 4.76% due 2/3/42	\$ 200,000,000	18.87%	4.79%	\$ 9,576,064	0.90%
2	1st Mortgage Bond 4.97% due 11/14/43	\$ 160,000,000	15.10%	4.99%	\$ 7,983,308	0.75%
3	1st Mortgage Bond 5.02% due 2/4/44	\$ 45,000,000	4.25%	5.04%	\$ 2,268,096	0.21%
4	1st Mortgage Bond 5.12% due 2/4/54	\$ 85,000,000	8.02%	5.14%	\$ 4,365,560	0.41%
5	1st Mortgage Bond 3.78% due 3/2/45	\$ 100,000,000	9.43%	3.79%	\$ 3,794,880	0.36%
6	1st Mortgage Bond 3.93% due 3/2/55	\$ 200,000,000	18.87%	3.94%	\$ 7,882,296	0.74%
7	1st Mortgage Bond 3.93% due 7/15/45	\$ 160,000,000	15.10%	3.95%	\$ 6,314,052	0.60%
8	Beaver County 1999 Series D	\$ 44,250,000	4.17%	4.57%	\$ 2,022,282	0.19%
9	Beaver County 1999 Series B	\$ 13,700,000	1.29%	4.94%	\$ 676,442	0.06%
10	Beaver County 1999 Series C	\$ 18,000,000	1.70%	4.94%	\$ 888,564	0.08%
11	Ohio Water Development Authority 1999 Series C	\$ 33,955,000	3.20%	4.94%	\$ 1,676,175	0.16%
12	Sub-Total	1,059,905,000	100.00%		47,447,719	4.48%
13	Amortization of loss on reacquired debt	(23,717,589)			2,084,666	
14	Amortization of gain on reacquired debt	-			-	
15	Net Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 1,036,187,411</u>			<u>\$ 49,532,385</u>	<u>4.78%</u>

Preferred Stock

Line No	Description	Amount Outstanding	Percent to Total	Effective Cost Rate	Annual Cost	Weighted Cost Rate
1	3.75% Preferred Stock	7,400,000	22.43%	3.77%	\$ 279,250	0.85%
2	4.15% Preferred Stock	6,622,500	20.08%	4.17%	275,840	0.84%
3	4.20% Preferred Stock	5,000,000	15.16%	4.23%	211,349	0.64%
4	4.10% Preferred Stock	5,993,000	18.17%	4.12%	247,023	0.75%
5	\$2.10 Preferred Stock	7,970,000	24.16%	4.19%	334,299	1.01%
6	Total Preferred Stock	<u>\$ 32,985,500</u>	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>\$ 1,347,762</u>	<u>4.09%</u>