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**Via Electronic Filing**

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

**Re: Duquesne Light Company – Rider No. 20 Smart Meter Charge  
Supplement No. 184 to Tariff Electric – PA. P.U.C. No. 24  
Docket No. – M-2018-\_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing, please find an original copy of Supplement No. 184 to Duquesne Light Company's ("Company") Tariff-Electric, PA. P.U.C. No. 24, and supporting documentation. Supplement No. 184 amends Rider No. 20 – Smart Meter Charge, to become effective October 1, 2018.

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 horizontal line.

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Cc: Enclosure  
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. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

### **VIA U.S. MAIL**

Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
400 North Street, 2nd Floor West  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Office of Small Business Advocate  
Commerce Tower, Suite 202  
300 North Second Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101-1923

Office of Consumer Advocate  
555 Walnut Street  
Forum Place, 5th Floor  
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Bureau of Audits  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
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Dated: September 20, 2018



# 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 20, 2018

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2018

Issued in compliance with Commission Order dated May 11, 2010,  
at Docket No. M-2009-2123948.

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# NOTICE

## **THIS TARIFF SUPPLEMENT INCREASES RATES WITHIN AN EXISTING RIDER**

In accordance with Commission Order at Docket No. M-2018-2641242 adopted and entered on March 15, 2018, the current rates and riders are declared to be temporary rates pursuant to Section 1310 (d) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1310(d) for a trial period ending September 15, 2018.

**See Page Two**

LIST OF MODIFICATIONS MADE BY THIS TARIFF

INCREASE

Rider No. 20 – Smart Meter Charge

Thirty-Ninth Revised Page No. 108  
Cancelling Thirty-Eighth Revised Page No. 108

The Smart Meter Charge has been adjusted as required by the provisions of the Rider.

The monthly charge per meter has increased from \$4.17 to \$4.25 for Single-Phase meters.

The monthly charge per meter has increased from \$6.05 to \$7.16 for Poly-Phase meters.

**STANDARD CONTRACT RIDERS - (Continued)****RIDER NO. 20 – SMART METER CHARGE****(Applicable to Rates RS, RH, RA, GS/GM, GMH, GL, GLH, L, HVPS and AL)****PURPOSE**

The Smart Meter Charge (“SMC”) is instituted as a cost recovery mechanism to recover all costs to implement the Company’s Smart Meter Procurement and Implementation Plan (“Plan”). The SMC has been added per Commission Order at Docket No. M-2009-2123948. Act 129 (“Act”) became effective November 14, 2008, requiring all Pennsylvania electric distribution companies (“EDCs”) with more than 100,000 customers to implement smart meters. Act 129 set forth the timeline for implementation, the definition of smart meters and the provisions for full and current cost recovery of all costs incurred by EDCs to install and make fully functional a smart meter system defined in and required by Act 129. The Company filed its Plan on August 14, 2009, in compliance with the Act, including this Charge and provisions for cost recovery. This Charge shall be updated as described below to recover all costs associated with implementing the Plan.

The SMC is a non-bypassable charge and shall be applicable to the monthly bill of all metered customers based on the number of meters installed at the premise.

**ELIGIBLE COSTS**

The SMC recovers all eligible costs incurred by the Company to implement smart meter technology and the supporting infrastructure. Eligible costs, described in 66 Pa. C.S. § 2807(f), include capital and expense items relating to all Plan elements, equipment and facilities, as well as all related administrative costs. Plan costs include, but are not limited to, capital expenditures for any equipment and facilities that may be required to implement the Plan, as well as depreciation, operating and maintenance expenses, a return component based on the EDC’s weighted cost of capital and taxes. In general, eligible administrative costs include, but are not limited to, incremental costs relating to Plan development, cost analysis, measurement and verification and reporting. The costs associated with testing, upgrades, maintenance and personnel training are considered eligible costs.

**MONTHLY SMART METER CHARGE**

<b>Meter Type</b>	<b>Monthly Charge Per Meter</b>
Single-Phase	\$4.25
Poly-Phase	\$7.16

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The SMC, calculated independently for each meter type, shall be applied to all applicable customers served under the Tariff. Customers will be billed based on the number of meter types installed at their premise. Customers with multiple meters will incur multiple charges. The SMC shall be determined in dollars and cents per month per meter in accordance with the formula described in the “Calculation of Charge” section and shall be applied to all applicable customers served during any part of a billing month.

**(I) – Indicates Increase****ISSUED: SEPTEMBER 20, 2018****EFFECTIVE: OCTOBER 1, 2018**

Duquesne Light Company  
Smart Meter Cost Recovery Charge  
Calculation of Smart Meter Charge Rates  
Tariff Rider No. 20  
Effective October 1, 2018

<u>Line</u>	<u>Common Plant</u>	<u>Single Phase Meters</u>	<u>Poly Phase Meters</u>
1 Average Projected Smart Meter Plant In Service	\$70,640,640	\$97,280,113	\$8,727,041
2 Annual Depreciation (years)	10	15	15
3 Annual Depreciation	\$7,064,064	\$6,485,341	\$581,803
4 Accrued Depreciation	\$20,849,248	\$12,976,007	\$588,695
5 Weighted Average Pre-Tax Rate of Return (PTRR)(page 2)	9.42%	9.42%	9.42%
<u>Formula and Calculation</u>			
6	$SMC = [((NPIS * PTRR/4) + Dep/4 + O\&M - S + e/4) / M] * (1/(1-T))$		
7	$(Plant\text{-}accrued\ depreciation\text{-}ADIT) * Return + Depreciation + O\&M - Savings + e\text{-}Factor$		
8	$Meters\ per\ Quarter * (1\text{-}Gross\ Receipts\ Tax)$		
9 Smart Meter Plant In Service	\$70,640,640	\$97,280,113	\$8,727,041
10 Less Accrued Depreciation	(\$20,849,248)	(\$12,976,007)	(\$588,695)
11 Less Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	(\$16,147,639)	(\$21,700,019)	(\$1,490,860)
12 Net Plant	\$33,643,754	\$62,604,087	\$6,647,487
13 Weighted Rate of Return/4	2.36%	2.36%	2.36%
14 Return	\$792,378	\$1,474,451	\$156,562
15 Depreciation/4	\$1,766,016	\$1,621,335	\$145,451
16 O&M Expense (Projected for Quarter)	\$1,732,071	\$0	\$0
17 Savings	\$0	\$0	\$0
18 e-Factor/4 (1)	\$0	(\$361,147)	(\$22,915)
19 Smart Meter Revenue Requirement (SMRR)	\$4,290,465	\$2,734,640	\$279,097
20 Meters		572,356	21,510
21 Share of Total Meters		96.4%	3.6%
22 Allocated Common Plant SMRR Based on Meters (Line 19 * Line 21)		\$4,135,063	\$155,402
23 Total Revenue Requirement by Meter Type for Upcoming Quarter (Line 19 + Line 22)		\$6,869,703	\$434,499
24 Current Meter Count		572,356	21,510
25 Projected Quarterly Bills Based on Meter Count (line 24 x 3)		1,717,068	64,530
26 Monthly Charge per Meter for Upcoming Quarter (Line 23 / Line 25)		\$4.00	\$6.73
27 Pennsylvania Gross Receipts Tax Rate (PA GRT)		5.9%	5.9%
28 <b>Monthly Smart Meter Charge Including GRT (\$/month/meter)</b>		<b>\$4.25</b>	<b>\$7.16</b>

(1) E-factor component based on \$62,217 under collection balance at June 30, 2017 and projected E-factor revenue of \$1,598,465 through December 2017, for a total estimated overcollection of (\$1,536,248) through December 2017. Over collection to be refunded over the one-year period commencing on January 1, 2018 (Single Phase (\$1,444,588)/4; Poly Phase (\$91,660)/ 4).

Duquesne Light Company  
Smart Meter Cost Recovery Charge  
Weighted Average Cost of Capital  
Tariff Rider No. 20  
Effective October 1, 2018

Line

Pre-Tax Weighted Average Cost of Capital

	<u>Weight (1)</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Weighted Average Cost</u>	<u>Gross Revenue Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Pre-Tax Weighted Average Cost</u>
1 Debt (1)	45.91%	4.78%	2.19%		2.19%
2 Preferred Equity (1)	1.46%	4.09%	0.06%	1.40631	0.08%
3 Common Equity (2)	<u>52.63%</u>	9.65%	<u>5.08%</u>	1.40631	<u>7.14%</u>
4 Total Return	100.00%		7.33%		9.42%

Calculation of Gross Revenue Conversion Factor

	<u>Rate</u>	
5 Gross Revenue Charge		100.00%
6 Less: State Income Taxes	9.99%	<u>9.99%</u>
7 Income Before Federal Income Taxes		90.01%
8 Less: Federal Income Taxes	21.00%	<u>18.90%</u>
9 Income After Income Taxes		71.11%
10 Gross Revenue Conversion Factor		1.40631

Notes:

- 1/ Weighted capitalization ratio's and cost of debt and preferred per Company's records. This information was submitted to the PA PUC in the in the Company's Third Quarter 2017 Quarterly Financial Report. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code 71.4(c), the Company has not filed an Earnings Report for the twelve months ending December 31, 2017, for the twelve months ending March 31, 2018 or for the twelve months ending June 30, 2018, because the Company presently has a distribution rate case pending before the Commission at Docket No. R-2018-3000124.
- 2/ Effective July 1, 2017, cost of common equity reflects the published Market Based Returns on Common Equity, published in the First Quarter 2018 Quarterly Earnings Report Summary, Docket No. M-2018-3003513.