



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

December 21, 2020

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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Petition of Duquesne Light Company for Approval of its Act 129 Phase IV Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan / Docket No. M-2020-3020818

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Notice of Intervention, Public Statement, and Verification, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”), in the above-captioned proceeding.

Copies will be served on all known parties in this proceeding, as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sharon E. Webb

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Enclosures

cc: Robert D. Knecht
Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Duquesne Light Company for :
Approval of its Act 129 Phase IV Energy and : **Docket No. M-2020-3020818**
Efficiency Conservation Plan :

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) files this Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”). Duquesne Light Company initiated the proceeding by filing a Petition for Approval of its Act 129 Phase IV Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan on November 30, 2020. In support of this Notice of Intervention, the OSBA avers as follows:

1. The OSBA is an agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorized by the Small Business Advocate Act (Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50) to represent the interest of small business consumers as a party in proceedings before the Commission.

2. Representing the OSBA in this proceeding is:

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**PUBLIC STATEMENT
OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Small Business Advocate is authorized and directed to represent the interests of small business consumers of utility services in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 (“Act”). The Act further provides that the Small Business Advocate is to issue publicly a written statement setting forth concisely the specific interest of small business consumers to be protected by his initiation of or intervention in any proceeding involving those interests before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) or any other agency or court. This public statement relates to the Small Business Advocate’s intervention in the above-captioned Commission proceeding.

On November 30, 2020 Duquesne Light Company (“Duquesne” or “Company”) filed a Petition for Approval of its Act 129 Phase IV Energy and Conservation Plan (“Phase IV Plan”). The Small Business Advocate is intervening in the above-captioned proceeding in order to protect the interests of the Company’s small business customers. A thorough inquiry by the Commission into all of the elements of the Company’s petition is necessary to ensure that the Company’s proposed Phase IV Plan is in accord with Act 129 of the Public Utility Code, all other applicable statutes, and Commission regulations and orders.

In view of the foregoing, the Small Business Advocate is requesting that the petition be subject to investigation and evidentiary hearings before the Commission. The Small Business Advocate will ask the Commission to deny or modify any aspect of the Company's proposed Phase IV Plan that is not proven by the Company to be in accord with the Public Utility Code and would result in rates that are not just and reasonable.

Dated: December 21, 2020

VERIFICATION

I, John R. Evans, hereby state that the facts set forth herein above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that 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).

Date: 12/21/2020



(Signature)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served via email (*unless otherwise noted below*) upon the following persons, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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