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Via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Keystone Bldg. 2nd Floor W
400 N. Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Letter of Notification of Duquesne Light Company for Approval to Upgrade an Existing 138 kV Ring Bus at Montour Substation in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Docket No. A-2018-3002896

**Application of Duquesne Light Company for Approval to Acquire Certain Real Property Needed to Improve Access to the Montour Substation
A-2018-3003113 & A-2018-3003125**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

On October 4, 2018, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission approved the above-captioned Letter of Notification ("LON") at Docket No. A-2018-3002896, consolidated with Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience ("Applications") at Docket Nos. A-2018-3003113 & A-2018-3003125 filed by Duquesne Light Company ("Company"). No parties intervened in the above-captioned proceedings.

At the time Duquesne Light Company ("DLC" or the "Company") filed the subject LON, the Company contemplated an in-service date of December 31, 2020. While the Project is still necessary to enhance the operability of the Montour substation, the Project was re-prioritized as a result of the Company's annual review of capital projects. The Company will continue to re-evaluate the Project in-service date during its yearly capital planning process. No other aspects of the approved LON are expected to change.

Pursuant to the October 4, 2018 Order approving the LON, the Company will file the final project costs with the Commission upon completion of the project. In addition, the Company will file yearly status reports detailing project progress and costs incurred until the project is in service.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emily M. Farah".

Emily M. Farah
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cc: Jordan Van Order (via email)

Technical Utility Service
Interrogatories

Duquesne Light Company
Docket No. A-2018-3002896

Witness: Patrick O'Brien

1. Please provide the current status of the subject Duquesne Light transmission project and submit a breakdown of the project costs to date.

Response:

The Montour Substation Project (“Project”) is necessary to enhance operability of the Montour Substation, which was built in the mid 1950's. At the time Duquesne Light Company (“DLC” or the “Company”) filed the subject LON, the Company contemplated an in-service date of December 31, 2020. While it is still necessary to reconfigure the Montour Substation to achieve higher facility ratings and be able to maintain the substation efficiently, the Project was re-prioritized as a result of the Company’s annual review of capital projects. The re-prioritization was chiefly due to PJM deactivation notifications received in the spring of 2018 related to PJM baseline project B3015.¹ The Company will continue to re-evaluate the Project in-service date during its yearly capital planning process.

Pursuant to the October 4, 2018 Order approving the LON, the Company will file the final Project costs with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) upon completion of the Project. In addition, the Company will file yearly status reports detailing project status and costs incurred until the Project is in service.

As indicated in the LON, the estimated cost of the proposed Project is \$15.6 million, with a 30% plus/minus certainty. DLC intends to engage in a competitive bidding process and will have a more accurate estimate and cost breakdown once vendors are selected. To date, the Company has incurred costs associated with this project as follows:

Distribution Costs (to date):	\$3.3 million
Transmission Costs (to date):	\$1.6 million
Total:	\$4.9 million

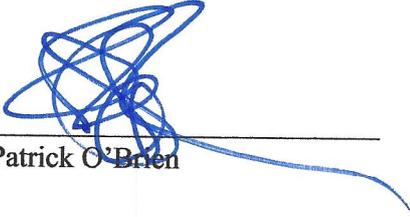
¹ PJM baseline project B3015 is a portion of the “Southeast Capacity Project,” which was approved by Commission Order dated October 13, 2019.

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY
COMMISSION**

Letter of Notification of Duquesne Light	:	Docket No. A-2018-3002896
Company for Approval to Reconfigure	:	
Existing and Construct New 138 kV	:	
Transmission Lines in Allegheny County,	:	
Pennsylvania	:	

VERIFICATION

I, Patrick O'Brien, hereby state that the facts set forth are true and cover (or 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 falsifications to authorities).



Patrick O'Brien

Date: FEB. 4, 2021