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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, Filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, for Approval to install a new 138 kV line and reconductor existing circuits to support the Southeast Capacity Project located in the Borough of Dravosburg, Borough of West Mifflin, Borough of Jefferson Hills, Union Township, and Forward Township in Allegheny and Washington Counties, Pennsylvania.  
Docket Nos. A-2019-3009698 & P-2019-3010087**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

On July 16, 2021, the Bureau of Technical Utility Services ("TUS") propounded one Data Request (identified as Set IV) upon Duquesne Light Company ("Duquesne Light" or the "Company") in connection with the Letter of Notification filed at Docket No. A-2019-3009698 ("Southeast Capacity Project LON"), which was been consolidated with the Company's Petition at Docket No. P-2019-3010087. Enclosed is Duquesne Light's response to Data Request Set IV.

A copy of this cover letter and the enclosed response have been served upon TUS staff by electronic mailing. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emily M. Farah", is written over a faint circular stamp.

Emily M. Farah  
Counsel, Regulatory  
Duquesne Light Company

cc: Jordan Van Order (via email, w/ encl.)

**Bureau of Technical Utility Services**

**Data Request Set IV**

Docket No. A-2019-3009698

Witness: Jason Harchick

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

Response:

Duquesne Light Company (“DLC”) has completed the portions of the Southeast Capacity Project (“Project”) as described in the Letter of Notification at Docket No. A-2019-3009698 (“LON”) which were required to maintain the reliability of the transmission system. On July 13, 2021, PJM notified DLC and other PJM stakeholders at the Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee (“TEAC”) that 11 DLC baseline projects which were “Pending Resolution” are no longer needed and will be canceled<sup>1</sup>. The baseline projects identified as “Pending Resolution” include: b3012.2,<sup>2</sup> b3012.4,<sup>3</sup> b3015.1,<sup>4</sup> b3015.3,<sup>5</sup> b3015.4,<sup>6</sup> b3015.7,<sup>7</sup> b3061,<sup>8</sup> b3062,<sup>9</sup> b3063,<sup>10</sup> b3064,<sup>11</sup> and b3065.<sup>12</sup> Of the 11 cancelled DLC baseline projects identified as “Pending Resolution,” 6 were included in the previously-mentioned LON.<sup>13</sup> DLC expects PJM Board endorsement of the recommendation to cancel these projects and notification to DLC through a Construction Responsibility Letter in the third quarter of 2021. DLC stopped work on the “Pending Resolution” projects when directed by PJM at the September 12, 2019 TEAC meeting<sup>14</sup> and the May 12, 2020 TEAC meeting<sup>15</sup>.

DLC has spent approximately \$13 million to date on portions of the Project that have been completed and placed into service (b3015.2<sup>16</sup> and b3015.5<sup>17</sup>). DLC has spent approximately \$16.6 million to date on portions of the Project that were “Pending

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pjm.com/-/media/committees-groups/committees/teac/2021/20210713/20210713-item-06-reliability-analysis-update.ashx>.

<sup>2</sup> Construct two new tie lines from a new FirstEnergy substation to a new Duquesne substation by using two separate structures

<sup>3</sup> Establish the new tie line in place of the existing Elrama-Mitchell 138kV tie line

<sup>4</sup> Construct new Elrama 138kV substation and connect 7 138kV lines to new substation

<sup>5</sup> Reconductor Dravosburg to West Mifflin 138 kV line

<sup>6</sup> Run new conductor on existing tower to establish the new Dravosburg-Elrama (Z-75) 138 kV lines

<sup>7</sup> Reconductor Wilson to West Mifflin 138 kV line

<sup>8</sup> Reconductor the West Mifflin to Dravosburg and Dravosburg to Elrama 138 kV lines

<sup>9</sup> Install 138 kV tie breakers at West Mifflin

<sup>10</sup> Reconductor the Wilson-Dravosburg (Z-72) 138 kV line

<sup>11</sup> Expand Elrama 138 kV substation to loop in the existing USS Steel-Clairton-Piney Fork 138 kV line

<sup>12</sup> Install 138 kV tie breaker at Wilson Substation

<sup>13</sup> b3012.2, b3015.1, b3015.3, b3015.4, b3015.7, and b3064

<sup>14</sup> PJM Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee Meeting materials detailing which Baseline Projects were changed to the “Pending Resolution” status: <https://www.pjm.com/-/media/committees-groups/committees/teac/20190912/20190912-generation-deactivation-notification-update.ashx>

<sup>15</sup> PJM Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee Meeting materials detailing which additional Baseline Projects were changed to the “Pending Resolution” status: <https://www.pjm.com/-/media/committees-groups/committees/teac/2020/20200512/20200512-item-03-generation-deactivation-notification-update.ashx>

<sup>16</sup> Reconductor Elrama to Wilson 138 kV line

<sup>17</sup> Reconductor Elrama-Mitchell 138 kV line. Note this facility is currently the Mitchell-Wilson 138kV line

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Resolution” (b3012.2, b3015.1, b3015.3, b3015.4, b3015.7, b3064) of which approximately \$3.3M were related to substation work (b3015.1).

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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Chapter 57 Subchapter G, for Approval to :  
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existing circuits to support the Southeast :  
Capacity Project located in the Borough of :  
Dravosburg, Borough of West Mifflin, Borough :  
of Jefferson Hills, Union Township, and :  
Forward Township in Allegheny and :  
Washington Counties, Pennsylvania.

**VERIFICATION**

I, Jason Harchick, being the DIRECTOR, GRID OPTIMIZATION AND STRATEGY at Duquesne Light Company, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I expect Duquesne Light Company 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).



Jason Harchick, P.E.

Date: 8/10/2021