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Re: Affiliated Interest Agreement – Duquesne Light Company– Administrative Services Agreement with DQE Holdings, LLC and their Affiliates

Dear Ms. Farah:

On March 18, 2022, Duquesne Light Company (Duquesne) filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission), pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §§ 2102, *et seq.*, the above-referenced Affiliated Interest Agreement (Agreement or AIA). By Secretarial Letter dated March 18, 2022, the Commission extended the statutory consideration period for this Agreement until further action of the Commission.

Duquesne filed the proposed AIA between Duquesne and DQE Holdings, LLC, DQE Communications LLC, Duquesne Light Energy, LLC, and 25 other unregulated companies to amend and restate their Administrative Services Agreement, approved on January 22, 2020, at Docket No. G-2018-3002809. The Agreement updates the descriptions of services and the list of affiliates and will become effective upon approval from the Commission. Any party shall have the right at any time to withdraw from the Agreement by giving ninety (90) days prior written notice of withdrawal to Duquesne and DQE Holdings, LLC. This Agreement continues indefinitely but will automatically terminate upon the effective date of Duquesne's withdrawal from the Agreement.

Duquesne is a public utility certificated by the Commission to provide electric service in the city of Pittsburgh and in Allegheny and Beaver counties in Pennsylvania and the Parent Company, DQE Holdings, LLC is a Delaware Corporation. Duquesne and DQE Holdings, LLC are affiliated interests as defined in Section 2101(a) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code.

Upon review of the filing, it does not appear that this Agreement is unreasonable or contrary to the public interest. Therefore, this filing is hereby approved. This approval will apply only to the agreement, services, matters and parties specifically and clearly defined under this instant proceeding as well as under any associated and previously filed filings. However, approval of this filing does not constitute a determination that the associated costs or expenses are reasonable or prudent for the purposes of determining just and reasonable rates.

Furthermore, the Commission's approval is contingent upon the possibility that subsequent audits, reviews and inquiries in any Commission proceeding may be conducted, pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §§ 2102-2107.

The Commission reiterates that the Affiliates must abide by all applicable competitive safeguards, including the code of conduct at 52 Pa. Code § 54.122 (for Electric Distribution Companies) and 52 Pa. Code § 63.143 (for Telephone Companies) when handling any potentially competitively sensitive information while performing any services under this Agreement. Specifically, Duquesne Light Energy, LLC and DQE Communications, LLC must ensure that they do not misuse customer information or other data from Duquesne or DQE Holdings, LLC that they obtained through shared personnel rather than through Commission approved information sharing mechanisms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary