



Operations Center  
2839 New Beaver Avenue  
Pittsburgh PA 15233

April 19, 2023

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

**Re: Duquesne Light Company – Request for Exclusion of Major Outage for Reliability Reporting Purposes**

Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find a Request for Exclusion of Major Outage for Reliability Reporting Purposes for the storm event that occurred in Duquesne Light Company's (Duquesne or the Company) service territory on Saturday, April 1, 2023, pursuant to the requirements established by Commission Order at Docket No. M-00991220.

Should you require additional information, please contact me at 412-393-2897.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason T. Keller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "K".

Jason T. Keller, P.E.  
Director, Operations Center

cc: Dan Searfoorce  
Harry Bidelspach  
Derek Ruhl  
John Van Zant

REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION OF MAJOR OUTAGE FOR  
RELIABILITY REPORTING PURPOSES TO  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
P O BOX 3265  
HARRISBURG, PA 17105-3265

**An original of this request is to be either electronically filed (eFiled) with the Commission or filed in paper form with the Secretary's Bureau.**

Information Required:

1. Reporting Utility: Duquesne Light Company  
Address: 2839 New Beaver Avenue  
Pittsburgh PA 15233
  
2. Name and title of person making report:  

<u>Jason Keller</u>	<u>Director, Operations Center</u>
<b>(Name)</b>	<b>(Title)</b>
  
3. Telephone number: 412-393-2897  
**(Telephone Number)**
  
4. Interruption or Outage:
  - (a) Number of customers affected:  
Total number of customers in service territory:  
  
67,383 customers, constituting 11% of the 612,157 customers in Duquesne Light's service territory.

- (b) Number of troubled locations in each geographic area affected listed by county and local political subdivision:

Allegheny County had a total of 330 troubled locations and Beaver County had a total of 248 troubled locations for a combined total of 578 troubled locations in Duquesne Light's service territory.

Please see the listing of troubled locations by county/municipality at the end of this report.

- (c) Reason for interruption or outage, including weather data where applicable.

At approximately 13:30 on Saturday April 1, 2023 a strong line of storms with high winds moved across Duquesne Light's service territory, causing downed power lines, fallen trees, and damage to our poles and equipment. The National Weather Service (NWS) reported the highest wind speed during this storm was 45 mph and the highest wind gust was 60 mph (Note: Independent spotters reported to the NWS gusts as high as 69 mph).

During this event, Duquesne Light completed 578 cases of trouble consisting of 252 primary wires, 3 cables, 258 secondary and services, 28 transformers and 37 broken poles.

Duquesne Light's weather service forecast on Friday March 31, 2023 at 0400:

Strong southwest to west winds will be possible today into early Saturday as a strong area of low pressure tracks across the area. Sustained winds near 20-30 mph with gusts up to 40-50 mph are currently expected.

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threats. Isolated tornadoes will be possible from the Delmarva Peninsula northward across New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania and into southeastern New York.

Additional weather information is included at the end of this report.

- (d) The number of utility workers and others assigned specifically to the repair work:

<b>Utility / Company</b>	<b># of Workers</b>	<b>General Function</b>
Duquesne Light	161	Lineworkers
Duquesne Light	43	Troubleshooters
Duquesne Light	8	Substations
Duquesne Light	27	Underground
DLC - 7 Cut Above - 61 Nelson - 53 Penn Line – 84 Wright – 42	247	Tree contractors
Sargent - 41 Henkels and McCoy – 21 JW Didado - 11	73	Lineworker contractors

- (e) The date and time of the first notification of a service interruption:

Saturday April 1, 2023 at 1239 hours.

- (f) The actual time that service was restored to the last affected customer:

Service was restored to the last affected customer by this storm event on Tuesday April 4, 2023 at 1820 hours.

**Remarks:**

Storm restoration updates were provided to our customers and the media through our Duquesne Light website, Facebook and on Twitter. Weather information and photos are attached.

Please also see Duquesne’s Electric Utility Report of Outage, dated April 18, 2023, for more information regarding this outage event.

Number of troubled locations in each geographic area affected listed by county and local political subdivision:

Allegheny County Municipalities	Trouble Cases
AVALON	1
BAIRDSFORD	1
BALDWIN BORO	7
BELLEVUE	5
BEN AVON	1
BEN AVON HEIGHTS	1
BETHEL PARK	1
BLAWNOX	3
BLOOMFIELD	1
BRADDOCK	3
BRADDOCK HILLS	1
BRENTWOOD	3
CARNEGIE	1
CARRICK	3
CASTLE SHANNON	3
CHESWICK	5
CHURCHILL	3
COLLIER TWP	2
CRAFTON	1
DRAVOSBURG	4
EAST LIBERTY	2
EAST MCKEESPORT	3
EAST PITTSBURGH	1
EMSWORTH	3
FINEVIEW	1
FOREST HILLS	2
FOX CHAPEL	12
FRANKLIN PARK	1
GREENTREE	2
HAMPTON	21
HAYS	1
HAZELWOOD	1
HIGHLAND PARK	3
HILL DISTRICT	2
HOMESTEAD	1
HOMEWOOD	3

Beaver County Municipalities	Trouble Cases
ALEPPO	1
ALIQUIPPA	4
AMBRIDGE	6
BADEN	9
BEAVER	5
BEAVER FALLS	3
BELL ACRES	4
BRIGHTON TWP	4
CENTER	17
CORAOPOLIS	3
CRESCENT TWP	2
DAUGHERTY	3
EAST ROCHESTER	1
ECONOMY TWP	34
FINDLAY TWP	5
FRANKLIN PARK	2
FREEDOM	1
GREENE	13
HANOVER	7
HARMONY	5
HAYSVILLE	1
HOOKSTOWN	5
HOPEWELL TWP	20
INDEPENDENCE	8
INDUSTRY	4
LEET TWP	1
MIDLAND	2
MONACA	9
MOON TWP	13
NEW BRIGHTON	4
NEW SEWICKLEY	10
OHIO TWP	3
OHIOVILLE	3
OSBORNE	1
PATTERSON HGT	3
POTTER	1

Allegheny County Municipalities	Trouble Cases
INDIANA	9
KENNEDY	2
KILBUCK	1
LAWRENCEVILLE	3
LIBERTY	2
MCCANDLESS	6
MCKEES ROCKS	2
MCKEESPORT	7
MILLVALE	2
MONROEVILLE	10
MT LEBANON	10
MT OLIVER	2
MT WASHINGTON	1
MUNHALL	4
NEW HOMESTEAD	1
NORTH BRADDOCK	2
NORTH SIDE	9
NORTH VERSAILLES	5
OAKLAND	2
OAKMONT	2
OHARA TWP	9
OHIO TWP	5
PENN HILLS	30
PINE TWP	4
PLEASANT HILLS	2
PLUM	12
RESERVE TWP	2
RICHLAND TWP	5
ROBINSON TWP	6
ROSS	13
SCOTT TWP	2
SHADYSIDE	3
SHALER	3
SQUIRREL HILL	3
STOWE TWP	2
TRAFFORD	2
TURTLE CREEK	2
VERONA	1
VERSAILLES	1
WALL	1


Beaver County Municipalities	Trouble Cases
RACCOON	8
ROBINSON TWP	1
ROCH BORO	3
ROCH TWP	4
SEWICK HGT	4
SEWICKLEY	7
SHIPPINGPORT	2
SOUTH HEIGHTS	1
VANPORT	1

Allegheny County Municipalities	Trouble Cases
WEST DEER	4
WEST END	1
WEST MIFFLIN	9
WEST VIEW	1
WESTWOOD	2
WHITE OAK-15131	1
WHITEHALL	6
WILKINS TWP	3
WILKINSBURG	4


## Severe Potential Tomorrow:

# LEVEL 2


1
2
3
4
5



Isolated  
Tornadoes



Large  
Hail



Damaging  
Winds

**Key Points**

**What:** Damaging Wind, Large Hail, & Isolated Tornadoes

**When:** Late Afternoon / Evening

**Where:** Mainly all of western PA, small portion of OH and the Panhandle of WV

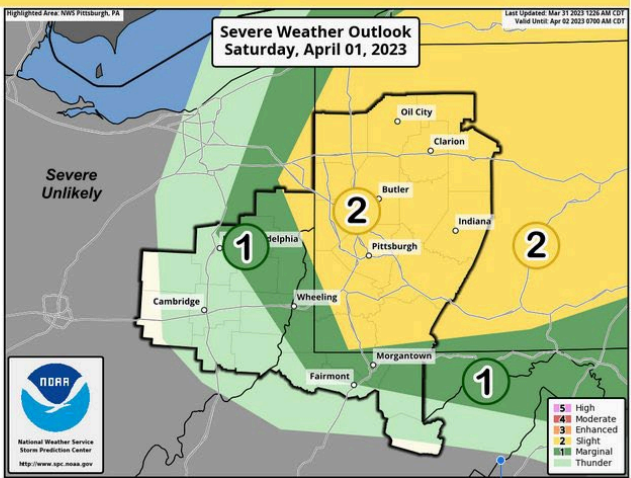
**Actions**

- Monitor the latest forecasts
- Make sure you can receive watches and warnings

**A Slight Risk Means...**

- Increased confidence in severe storms occurring.
- A few severe storms could be significant.

\*Significant\* defined as: Gusts at least 75 mph, Hail at least 2 inches, and/or Tornado at least EF-2



# High Wind Watch Saturday

**Valid**  
8 AM Sat - 8 PM Sat (lowlands)  
8 AM Sat - 2 AM Sun (ridges)

## Impacts



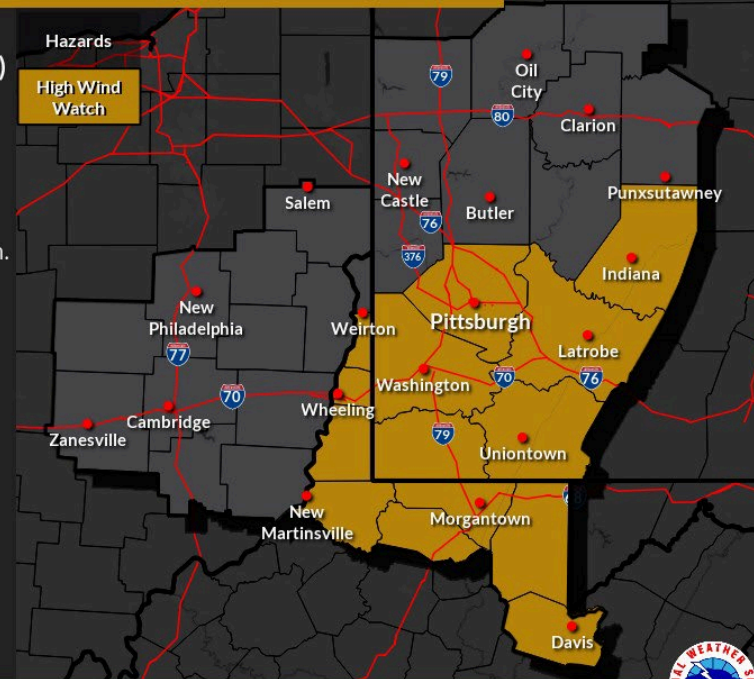
## High Winds

Sustained winds 25 to 35 mph with gusts to 60 mph.

Damaging winds may blow down trees and power lines. Widespread power outages are possible.

## A High Wind Warning Means...

- There is a potential for a hazardous high wind event is expected or occurring.
- Sustained winds greater than 40 mph, or gusts of 58 mph or stronger may occur.
- Continue to monitor the latest forecasts.



[Weather.gov/Pittsburgh](http://Weather.gov/Pittsburgh)

National Weather Service





NWS Pittsburgh   
@NWSPittsburgh


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A severe thunderstorm watch has been issued for parts of New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia until 6 PM EDT


## Severe Thunderstorm Watch

Valid Until  
6:00 PM EDT Saturday  
April 1, 2023

**Threat Information**

 **TORNADOES**  
A Couple Tornadoes Possible

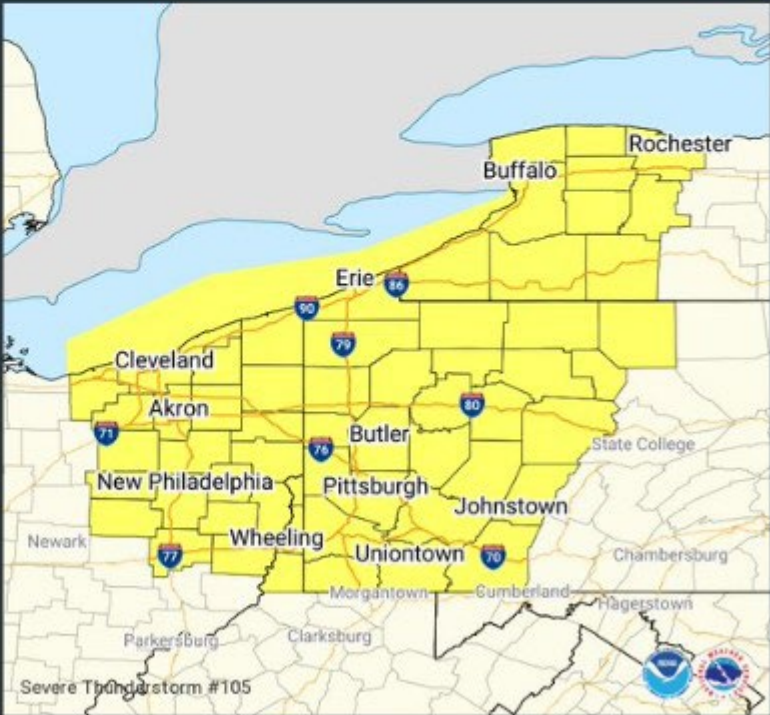
 **HAIL**  
Isolated Hail Up To Ping Pong Size Possible

 **WIND**  
Scattered Gusts Up To 70 MPH Likely

**Potential Exposure**

Population: 10,402,264  
Schools: 3225  
Hospitals: 221

**ALT**



Severe Thunderstorm #105

11:56 AM · Apr 1, 2023 from Pennsylvania, USA · 15.8K Views



NWS Pittsburgh   
@NWSPittsburgh





Severe Thunderstorm Warning including Plum PA, Allison Park PA and Wilksburg PA until 2:00 PM EDT

## Severe Thunderstorm Warning


Valid Until  
2:00 PM EDT Saturday  
April 1, 2023


**Threat Information**

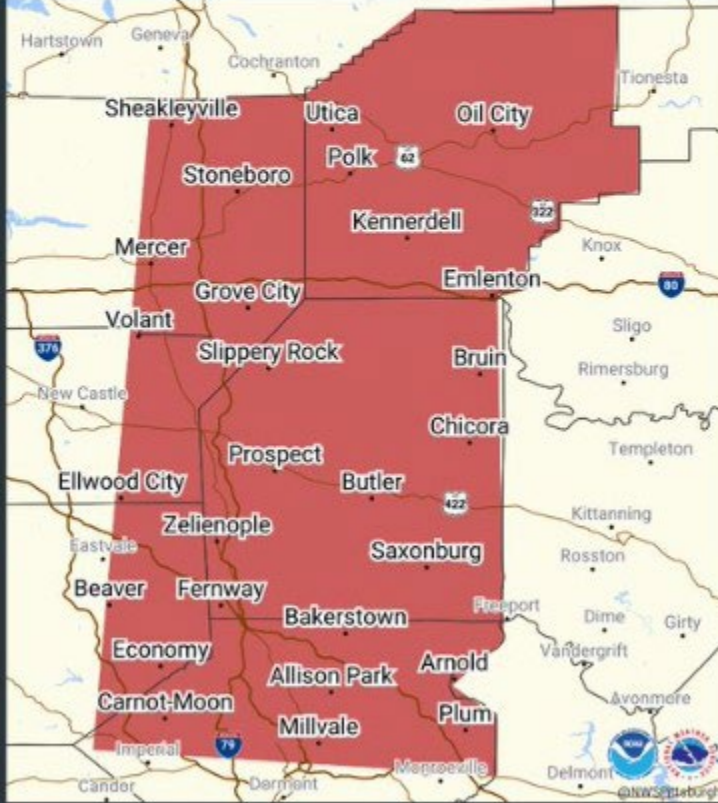
**WIND**  
 Up to  
60 MPH

**HAIL**  
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Sized Possible

**Potential Exposure**

 Population: 1,002,174  
Schools: 295  
Hospitals: 22





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CLIMATE REPORT  
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PITTSBURGH PA  
 205 AM EDT SUN APR 02 2023

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 ...THE PITTSBURGH PA CLIMATE SUMMARY FOR APRIL 1 2023...

CLIMATE NORMAL PERIOD 1991 TO 2020  
 CLIMATE RECORD PERIOD 1871 TO 2023

WEATHER ITEM	OBSERVED VALUE	TIME (LST)	RECORD VALUE	YEAR	NORMAL VALUE	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	LAST YEAR
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 TEMPERATURE (F)  
 YESTERDAY  
 MAXIMUM 67 1159 AM 83 1986 56 11 42  
 MINIMUM 39 1159 PM 11 1923 35 4 33  
 AVERAGE 53 46 7 38

PRECIPITATION (IN)  
 YESTERDAY 0.21 1.44 2007 0.11 0.10 0.05  
 MONTH TO DATE 0.21 0.11 0.10 0.05  
 SINCE MAR 1 3.14 3.26 -0.12 3.36  
 SINCE JAN 1 8.70 8.84 -0.14 11.45

SNOWFALL (IN)  
 YESTERDAY 0.0 2.6 1962 0.1 -0.1 0.2  
 MONTH TO DATE 0.0 0.1 -0.1 0.2  
 SINCE MAR 1 3.1 7.7 -4.6 17.3  
 SINCE JUL 1 17.6 43.2 -25.6 44.1  
 SNOW DEPTH 0

DEGREE DAYS  
 HEATING  
 YESTERDAY 12 19 -7 27  
 MONTH TO DATE 12 19 -7 27  
 SINCE MAR 1 775 804 -29 709  
 SINCE JUL 1 4478 4975 -497 4617

COOLING  
 YESTERDAY 0 0 0 0  
 MONTH TO DATE 0 0 0 0  
 SINCE MAR 1 0 1 -1 0  
 SINCE JAN 1 0 1 -1 0

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WIND (MPH)  
 HIGHEST WIND SPEED 45 HIGHEST WIND DIRECTION W (280)

WIND (MPH)

HIGHEST WIND SPEED	36	HIGHEST WIND DIRECTION	W (270)
HIGHEST GUST SPEED	50	HIGHEST GUST DIRECTION	W (280)
AVERAGE WIND SPEED	13.1		

SKY COVER

POSSIBLE SUNSHINE MM  
 AVERAGE SKY COVER 0.9

WEATHER CONDITIONS

THE FOLLOWING WEATHER WAS RECORDED TODAY.  
 THUNDERSTORM  
 LIGHT RAIN  
 FOG

RELATIVE HUMIDITY (PERCENT)

HIGHEST	90	600 AM
LOWEST	27	300 PM
AVERAGE	59	

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THE PITTSBURGH PA CLIMATE NORMALS FOR TOMORROW

	NORMAL	RECORD	YEAR
MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE (F)	53	81	1945
MINIMUM TEMPERATURE (F)	33	13	1940 2001

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

MARCH 25 2023.....	SUNRISE	716 AM EDT	SUNSET	738 PM EDT
MARCH 26 2023.....	SUNRISE	715 AM EDT	SUNSET	739 PM EDT

- INDICATES NEGATIVE NUMBERS.
- R INDICATES RECORD WAS SET OR TIED.
- MM INDICATES DATA IS MISSING.
- T INDICATES TRACE AMOUNT.

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Public Information Statement  
 Spotter Reports  
 National Weather Service Pittsburgh PA  
 406 PM EDT Sat Apr 01 2023

The following are unofficial observations taken during the past 25 hours for the storm that has been affecting our region. Appreciation is extended to highway departments, cooperative observers, Skywarn spotters and media for these reports. This summary also is available on our home page at [weather.gov/pittsburgh](http://weather.gov/pittsburgh)

\*\*\*\*\*PEAK WIND GUST (AT LEAST 40 MPH)\*\*\*\*\*

LOCATION	MAX WIND GUST (mph)	TIME/DATE MEASURED	COMMENTS
OHIO			
...Carroll County... Carrollton	43	1230 PM 4/01	CWOP
...Guernsey County... Cambridge Airport	40	1235 PM 4/01	AWOS
...Muskingum County... Zanesville Airport	51	223 PM 4/01	ASOS
...Tuscarawas County... New Philadelphia Air	59	1238 PM 4/01	ASOS
New Philadelphia	51	1238 PM 4/01	ASOS
PENNSYLVANIA			
...Allegheny County... Allegheny County Air	69	137 PM 4/01	ASOS
Pittsburgh Intl Airp	60	125 PM 4/01	ASOS
Moon Crest	50	130 PM 4/01	Public
...Beaver County... Beaver Falls Airport	48	135 PM 4/01	AWOS
Baden	44	134 PM 4/01	CWOP



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#### Duquesne Light Company Restores Power to 25,000 Customers Following Severe Weather

More than 40,000 customers lost power after severe winds swept through the region. Duquesne Light Company (DLC) is working safely and as quickly as possible to restore electric service to customers who were impacted by strong winds that left many without power across DLC's service territory Saturday afternoon.

High winds, including gusts reaching 69 mph in parts of Allegheny County, have blown trees onto power lines and broken utility poles. Service has already been restored to more than 25,000 customers since outages peaked at around 40,000 earlier in the day.

Approximately 100 field crew members are working through the night to restore power. DLC is working around the clock to assess the damage and establish an estimated restoration timeline for all customers.

#### Safety Reminders:

- Under no circumstance should someone who is not a trained electric utility worker approach downed power lines. We ask our customers to give our crews ample space to perform their work.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately if you or someone you know is experiencing a medical emergency during an outage.

**Reporting Outages:** · The fastest way to report an outage is online or through the free DLC Mobile app.

- If you don't have internet access, please call 412-393-7000.
- Keep in mind, our crews are aware of outages as soon as they are reported, even though some outages may not immediately appear on the DLC outage map.

**For customers who are experiencing a prolonged outage:**

- Don't open the fridge unless you have to.
  - If you're out longer than 4 hours, throw away dairy, meat and poultry. If you're out longer than 24 hours, throw everything else out.
  - A half-full freezer is good for 24 hours if left unopened, while one that is full will last 48 hours.
- More information on safety before, during and after an outage can be found in our Storm Plan.





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Duquesne Light Company (DLC) is continuing to safely restore power to customers following intense winds that impacted the Pittsburgh region yesterday, April 1. Gusts reaching nearly 70 mph caused widespread damage across the region, including fallen trees and broken utility poles, and left more than 40,000 DLC customers without service. We have since restored power to more than 34,000 customers and are working to restore the roughly 5,700 customers who remain out. Because of the extensive damage, service is expected to be fully restored by 10 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4. Many of those customers should be restored sooner as crews continue working around the clock to make repairs.

We recognize that some of these customers were also impacted by last weekend's strong winds. We sincerely thank them for their patience and understanding as we restore service as quickly as possible.

As crews work to restore service, we urge the public to give them ample room and to always avoid downed power lines. Downed wires and other potentially hazardous situations involving utility poles and power lines should be reported to DLC at 412-393-7000.

If anyone experiences a medical emergency during an outage, they should immediately call 911. More outage-related instructions and safety tips can be found in our Storm Plan >>>

<https://duquesnelight.com/outages-safety/storm-plan>









