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HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO OUR FILE

C-2022-3032695

July 21, 2023

Re: Laura Andracchio Johnson & Charles Johnson v Duquesne Light Company  
Docket No. C-2022-3032695

TO ALL PARTIES:

This matter is a Formal Complaint (Complaint) proceeding in which Laura and Charles Johnson, the Complainants, allege that Duquesne Light Company (DLC), *inter alia*, failed to notify them and/or the former property owners about two routes for a high voltage power line that DLC mapped through a critical parcel of property in the West Deer Reliability Project in 2017. According to the Complaint, the Complainants unwittingly bought the property from the former owners after DLC had privately mapped the routes through it and after DLC had prepared a notice for the sellers, but eleven days before DLC sent the notice to the sellers. Following a hearing, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Emily I. DeVoe's Initial Decision dismissed the Complaint and transferred the matter back to Court of Common Pleas on the grounds that the Complainants failed to allege that DLC committed any violation of a statute, a regulation or an order of the Commission.

By Secretarial Letter dated June 22, 2023, the Commission sent ALJ DeVoe's Initial Decision electronically to the Complainants' email address on file with the Commission. The Secretarial Letter provided, among other things, that Exceptions were due within twenty (20) days of the date of that letter and Replies to Exceptions were due ten (10) days after the filing due date of the Exceptions. On July 12, 2023, DLC filed Exceptions.

On July 19, 2023, Counsels for Laura and Charles Johnson filed a letter with the Commission, requesting an extension of time to file Replies to DLC's Exceptions. In support of the request, the Johnsons' Counsels state that their schedules do not permit them to meet the deadline for Reply Exceptions. Counsel for DLC has indicated that the Company does not object to the request for an extension of time.

Under the circumstances in this case, we will allow for exceptions and grant the request for an extension of time in order to ensure due process is provided. The Commission's Regulation at 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(a)(1) permits the Commission to grant an extension of time after the specified period has expired when reasonable grounds

support the failure to act. We find that Counsel for the Johnsons have shown reasonable grounds upon which to grant an extension of time to file Reply Exceptions.

Therefore, we shall require that Reply Exceptions be filed no later than seven days from the original date for Reply Exceptions or July 31, 2023.

Should you have any questions you may contact the Office of Special Assistants at 717-787-1827.

Very truly yours,

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

Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary