

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held December 21, 2023

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair
Ralph V. Yanora
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.

Karen Feitt & Higinio Mendoza Jr.

C-2022-3037095

v.

Duquesne Light Company

OPINION AND ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration and disposition is the Petition for Reconsideration (Petition) filed by Karen Feitt and Higinio Mendoza Jr. on December 15, 2023, seeking reconsideration of the Opinion and Order entered on December 7, 2023, relative to the above-captioned proceeding.

Pursuant to Rule 1701 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure, Pa. R.A.P. 1701, the Commission must act to grant a petition for reconsideration within thirty days of the date of entry of the order for which reconsideration is sought or otherwise lose jurisdiction to do so if a petition for review is timely filed.¹ The thirty-day period within which the Commission must act upon the Petition in order to preserve jurisdiction ends on January 8, 2024.²

Granting reconsideration pending review of, and consideration on, the merits of the Petition to preserve Commission jurisdiction and toll the thirty-day time period for filing a petition for appellate review does not automatically stay the Commission's underlying Opinion and Order.³ Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.572, petitions seeking a stay or supersedeas must be filed with the Commission within fifteen (15) days after the underlying Opinion and Order becomes final.⁴

Accordingly, we shall grant reconsideration, within the meaning of Pa. R.A.P. 1701(b)(3), pending review of, and consideration on, the merits of the Petition; **THEREFORE,**

¹ Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure provide that a party may file an Answer to the Petition within ten (10) days of service. 52 Pa. Code § 5.571(c). As of the date of this Order, no Answers have been received.

² The thirty-day period ends on January 6, 2024, which is a Saturday. Therefore, the next business day, January 8, 2024, is the deadline for the Commission to act on the Petition.

³ 52 Pa. Code § 5.572; Pa. R.A.P. 1701.

⁴ *See also*, Pa. R.A.P. 1781.

IT IS ORDERED: That the Petition for Reconsideration filed by Karen Feitt and Higinio Mendoza on December 15, 2023, is hereby granted, pending further review of, and consideration on, the merits.

BY THE COMMISSION,

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

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: December 21, 2023

ORDER ENTERED: December 21, 2023