

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Clovernote Holdings LLC	:	
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v.	:	F-2024-3048157
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Huson Energy Services LLC and	:	
Duquesne Light Company	:	

**INTERIM ORDER JOINING AN INDISPENSABLE PARTY, GRANTING REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUANCE, AND REQUIRING COMPLAINANT TO CAUSE AN  
ATTORNEY TO ENTER AN APPEARANCE ON ITS BEHALF**

On March 13, 2024, Clovernote Holdings, LLC (Complainant or Clovernote) filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) against Hudson Energy Services LLC (Hudson). Clovernote alleges incorrect charges on its bill.

By Hearing Notice dated May 21, 2024, an Initial Call-In Telephonic Hearing was scheduled for July 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and the matter was assigned to me.

On May 24, 2024, Hudson filed a request for extension of time to file to file its Answer. The extension was granted by secretarial letter on May 29, 2024.

On June 5, 2024, Hudson requested a continuance of the July 24, 2024, hearing. The Continuance was granted on June 11, 2024, a rescheduled hearing notice was issued, scheduling the hearing for September 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

On June 12, 2024, Hudson filed its Answer and New Matter to the Complaint, denying the material allegations in the Complaint. In its New Matter, Hudson, *inter alia*, claims that Clovernote is a business entity which is required to be represented by counsel.

On August 23, 2024, Robert Eckenrode, on behalf of Clovernote, sent an email to me, copying Hudson’s attorney, requesting a continuance of the hearing and requesting that Duquesne Light Company be “called in to court with the PAPUC to justify their numbers that they suggested.” On August 29, 2024, I replied to the email, stating that I would grant the continuance, asking if the parties feels that Duquesne Light Company is an indispensable party, and informing Mr. Eckenrode that Clovernote must have an attorney enter an appearance on its behalf.<sup>1</sup>

On August 30, 2024, Hudson, stated via email, that they had no objections to having Duquesne Light Company added as an indispensable party.

Therefore, Duquesne Light Company shall be added to this matter as an indispensable party.

The hearing in this matter will be continued, generally, to allow for service on Duquesne Light and to allow Duquesne Light to file an Answer in this matter.

Clovernote shall cause an attorney to enter their appearance on its behalf.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the request to Join Duquesne Light as an Indispensable Party is granted.

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission’s regulations provide that only an individual may represent themselves. 52 Pa. Code § 1.22(a). All others, including a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, must be represented an attorney licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, or admitted *pro hac vice*. 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.21, 1.22. These regulations are consistent with the rules of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and may not be waived. *Smaha v. Landy*, 638 A.2d 392 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1994). Accordingly, in order to participate further in these proceedings, Clovernote Holdings, LLC, must be represented by counsel licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth. *Cars R Us c/o Holman Copeland v. Phila. Gas Works*, Docket No. C-2008-2033437 (Opinion and Order entered Feb. 4, 2010).

2. That the request for a continuance by the Complainant is granted.

2. That the hearing in this matter will be continued, generally, to allow for Duquesne Light to file responsive pleadings.

3. That the service list shall be amended to add Duquesne Light Company as a party to this proceeding.

6. That the caption shall be amended to list Duquesne Light Company as a party to this proceeding.

7. That the Secretary's Bureau shall serve a copy of the Formal Complaint filed by Clovernote Holdings, LLC in this matter to Duquesne Light Company, with a Notice to Plead.

Date: September 9, 2024

/s/  
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