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RE: Request to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for Exclusion of Major
Outage for Reliability Reporting Purpose

Dear Mr. Keller:

On July 23, 2024, Duquesne Light Company (DLC) filed a request for exclusion of major outage (Exclusion Request) for reliability reporting purposes in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Order entered May 11, 2004, at M -00991220. On July 30, 2024, via Secretarial Letter, the Commission sent DLC a Data Request seeking additional information related to Duquesne's Exclusion Request. On August 12, 2024, DLC filed a response to the Data Request (August 12 Response). The Commission found that the information provided in the August 12 Response was not responsive to the specific information requested. On August 16, 2024, via Secretarial Letter, the Commission sent DLC a second Data Request seeking additional information related to DLC's August 12 Response. On August 23, 2024, DLC filed a response to the second Data Request (August 23 Response). To assist the Commission in conducting the review of DLC's Exclusion Request, the Commission extended the consideration period of DLC's Exclusion Request to September 30, 2024.

DLC states that at approximately 1630 hours on Monday, June 17, 2024, a microburst with high winds struck the northern portion of DLC's service territory, causing downed power lines, fallen trees, and damage to DLC's poles and equipment. DLC notes that the National Weather Service (NWS) reported that the highest sustained wind speed during this storm was 29 miles per hour (mph) and that the highest wind gust was 39 mph. DLC avers that there were localized reports of wind gusts up to 60 mph. DLC states that it was still in the early restoration phase and had not yet finished investigating trouble and completing restorations from the initial June 17, 2024, storm when additional microbursts struck across the service territory on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, and Thursday, June 20, 2024, causing further damage. DLC reports that a final line of thunderstorms passed through the area on Saturday, June 22, 2024. DLC states that beginning with the June 17, 2024, microburst, it operated under its storm protocol, including having mutual assistance

crews on property throughout the entire week as additional storm impacts occurred to the already stressed system. DLC states that it returned to normal operating procedures on Monday, June 24, 2024.

DLC states that this event caused an interruption in service to 108,324 customers out of a total of 612,752 customers served. DLC states the event caused service interruptions from, June 17, 2024, at 16:29 hours to June 24, 2024, at 23:30 hours.

Upon review of the company's filing and supplemental information provided, it appears that the service interruptions described by Duquesne qualify as a major event, as defined in 52 Pa. Code § 57.192(i)(A). Therefore, the request for exclusion of service interruptions for reporting purposes, is hereby approved. However, the Commission's approval is contingent upon the possibility that subsequent audits, reviews, and inquiry, in any Commission proceeding, may be conducted, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §57.197 (relating to reliability investigations and enforcement).

In addition, this approval will apply only to the matter and parties specifically and clearly defined under this instant filing.

If you are dissatisfied with the resolution of this matter, you may, as set forth in 52 Pa. Code §5.44, file a petition with the Commission within 10 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact John Van Zant, Bureau of Technical Utility Services, at jvanzant@pa.gov, or (717) 787-3810.

Sincerely,



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Secretary

Enclosure: Attachment 1

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