

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120**

**Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
v.  
Duquesne Light Company**

**Public Meeting of April 10, 2025  
Agenda No. 3048592-TUS  
Docket No. P-2024-3048592**

**STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN STEPHEN M. DeFRANK**

Before us for consideration today is the Supplemental Tariff filing by Duquesne Light Company (Duquesne Light) to expand its Time of Use Pilot Program to all residential and commercial customers with smart meters effective June 1, 2025. I commend Duquesne Light for this filing. Over the last several months, I have raised Time of Use (TOU) rates a number of times as one of the tools that the ratepayers, utilities, and the Commission can use to address concerns about rising electricity prices and resource adequacy.

TOU rates, whether offered by electric distribution companies (EDCs) or electric generation suppliers (EGSs), have had extremely limited uptake in the Commonwealth. While these rates may be more complex than fixed rates, I think the value proposition they offer could improve in coming years. Questions about resource adequacy—especially in light of surging energy demand from large data centers—have been at the front of our minds here at the PUC.

At the same time, we have seen prices begin to rise due to several factors, including the results of PJM capacity auctions. While reliability is a top concern for me, so is affordability. I think we should explore any and all options to help customers protect themselves from rising energy prices.

That is the reason that when issuing our Tentative Implementation Order for Phase V of Act 129, I asked that all parties explore new and creative ways to most effectively utilize the tools at our disposal. TOU rates are one of those tools and I am pleased to see that Duquesne Light has taken this action. I encourage all EDCs, along with EGSs, to explore ways to maximize Time of Use rates in addressing the challenges we see coming for our electric industry.



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**Stephen M. DeFrank  
Chairman**

**Date: April 10, 2025**