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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
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July 10, 2025

Docket No.: M-2025-3055917  
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RE: Request to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for Exclusion of Major  
Outage for Reliability Reporting Purpose

Dear Mr. Terek:

On June 25, 2025, 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.

DLC states that at approximately 17:00 on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, DLC was affected by a line of severe thunderstorms which persisted across the entirety of DLC's service territory. DLC reports that the thunderstorms included sustained, high-speed, straight-line winds, which caused widespread damage across the service territory, including downed power lines, fallen trees, and significant damage to its poles and equipment. DLC states that the line of storms was not officially considered a derecho at the time the front passed the National Weather Service (NWS) observation station at Pittsburgh International Airport at the western edge of DLC's service territory, but it was determined to be one by the time the front reached observation stations east of the city. DLC states that the NWS reported that the highest wind speed officially recorded during this storm was 41 miles per hour (MPH) and the highest wind gust recorded was 71 MPH, however, wind gusts of upwards of 79 MPH were reported.

DLC states that Allegheny County had a total of 3,634 troubled locations and 821 outages while Beaver County had a total of 800 troubled locations and 252 outages for a combined total of 4,434 troubled locations and 1,073 outages in Duquesne Light's service territory.

DLC states that this event caused an interruption in service to 265,305 customers, constituting approximately 43% of the 612,157 customers served in DLC's service territory. DLC states the event caused service interruptions from, April 29, 2025, at 16:46 hours to May 9, 2025, at 18:00 hours.

Upon review of the company's filing, it appears that the service interruptions described by DLC 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](mailto:jvanzant@pa.gov), or (717) 787-3810.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew L. Homsher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Matthew L. Homsher  
Secretary

Enclosure: Attachment 1

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