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**RE: Duquesne Light Company's Annual Asset Optimization Plan
Docket No. M-2026-_____**

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Enclosed please find Duquesne Light Company's Annual Asset Optimization Plan. Should you have any questions please contact me.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Annual Asset Optimization Plan

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Introduction

Pursuant to 66 Pa.C.S. §1356, Duquesne Light Company (“DLC or the Company”) hereby files its Annual Asset Optimization Plan (“AAO Plan”). Section 1356 provides that utilities with an approved distribution system improvement charge (“DSIC”) and long-term infrastructure improvement plan (“LTIIIP”) are required to file an AAO Plan that includes:

- 1) A description that specifies all eligible property repaired, improved, and replaced in the immediately preceding 12-month period pursuant to the utility’s long-term infrastructure improvement plan and prior year’s asset optimization plan; and
- 2) A detailed description of all the facilities to be improved in the upcoming 12-month period.

In the AAO Plan, the Company provides details regarding the actual and projected repair, improvement, and replacement of aging infrastructure in 2025 and 2026. This AAO Plan also includes a brief summary of amounts that the Company has previously recovered through the DSIC, which is provided for informational purposes.

The Company’s LTIIIP performance is an important part of its plan to ensure that its distribution system continues to operate in a safe and reliable manner.

Background

Duquesne Light Company is a public utility as that term is defined under Section 102 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 102, certificated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“PUC” or the “Commission”) to provide electric service in the City of Pittsburgh and in Allegheny and Beaver Counties in Pennsylvania. DLC is also an EDC as that term is defined under Section 2803 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 2803. DLC provides electric distribution service to more than 600,000 customers within its service territory that covers approximately 817 square miles.

DLC filed an LTIIIP spanning calendar years 2023 through 2028 on June 1, 2022 (“LTIIIP 2”). The Company’s LTIIIP 2 was approved as filed on November 10, 2022, by Order entered November 10, 2022, at Docket No. P-2022-3032805. In preparing the LTIIIP 2, DLC followed the guidelines established in the Commission’s August 2, 2012, Final Implementation Order. The LTIIIP 2 provides for accelerated replacement of DSIC-eligible property to support and fulfill the

goals of Act 11, which are aimed at constructing, installing, rehabilitating, improving, and replacing portions of the Pennsylvania electric distribution system in an accelerated timeframe to the betterment of Pennsylvania electricity customers. The LTIIIP 2 supports DLC's continuing efforts to maintain reliability and safety that could otherwise suffer due to normal degradation of facilities that occurs with time and natural environmental stresses.

Executive Summary

Duquesne Light's Commission approved LTIIIP 2 includes five (5) asset programs and seventeen (17) initiatives. Details regarding the asset programs include the number of units to be replaced or improved, the approximate location by geographic region for the projects, and the annual expenditures for 2023 through 2028 for each initiative.

This AAO Plan details the five (5) asset programs, seventeen (17) initiatives, as well as other work associated with each asset program that does not fall into a specific initiative category, as originally included in its Commission-approved LTIIIP 2. The AAO Plan provides actuals for 2025 and projected work for 2026. The initiative descriptions included in the AAO Plan are consistent with those provided in the LTIIIP 2. The Company has added information to describe the progress of the programs and to explain deviations from the original projections where appropriate. While some initiative spending forecasts have been adjusted due to changing circumstances, DLC does not propose to eliminate any of its programs at this time. DLC will make any necessary petitions if the projections are a major modification over the six-year LTIIIP period.

The chart below details the Company's LTIIIP 2 plan as filed, actual performance for 2025, and the Company's projected performance for 2026.

Duquesne Light Company LTIP 2 – 2025 Actual and 2026 Projected Spend¹

(Values in \$ Millions)	2025	2025	2025	2026	2026
Program/Initiative	Plan	AAOP	Actuals	Plan	Forecast
Overhead Program					
4kV Substation Elimination	15.6	2.8	2.2	28.9	15.8
4kV Stepdown Conversion	5.6	9.1	8.0	3.1	20.4
Circuit Rehabilitation	3.6	4.2	4.5	4.5	0.2
Overhead Devices	1.3	5.4	2.9	1.4	12.6
Deteriorated Pole Replacements	23.7	24.6	30.9	20.4	38.8
Overhead Line Repairs	1.3	5.6	2.3	1.3	3.2
Overhead Repairs and Restoration	21.6	30.8	36.1	23.4	30.8
Other Overhead Work	11.9	25.6	68.7	9.4	32.1
Total Overhead Program	84.6	108.2	155.6	92.3	153.9
Substations Program					
East End Substation Rehabilitation	28.6	0.5	1.2	25.6	0.0
Establish Watson Substation	21.5	22.8	22.9	0.1	8.5
Unit Substation Rehabilitation	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.3
Substation Upgrades	7.2	15.1	9.6	7.0	19.3
Breaker and Switch Replacements	1.4	2.4	1.4	1.4	2.4
Other Substations Work	0.4	12.6	9.8	3.0	13.6
Total Substations Program	60.2	54.3	46.0	38.3	44.1
Underground Program					
Cable Replacement	6.7	7.0	8.4	8.4	3.6
URD Rehabilitation	4.2	3.1	2.6	4.4	1.6
Underground Infrastructure Rehabilitation	2.9	6.2	2.5	3.4	7.3
Network Transformer Replacements	1.4	0.8	0.5	1.5	0.7
Underground Repairs and Restoration	10.0	11.6	13.1	10.3	10.5
Other Underground Work	4.5	8.3	4.9	3.7	1.9
Total Underground Program	29.7	37.0	32.0	31.6	25.6
System Reliability Program					
System Reliability	6.8	18.8	10.8	7.9	19.1
Highway Relocation Program					
Unreimbursed Highway Relocations	3.5	13.4	6.3	2.4	7.7
TOTAL	184.9	231.6	250.7	172.5	250.3

¹ The columns titled “2025 Plan” and “2026 Plan” reflect the numbers as filed in the LTIP 2 plan. The column titled “2025 Actual” reflects the actual performance in 2025, and the column titled “2025 AAOP” reflects the forecast for 2025 provided in Duquesne Light’s AAO Plan filed on February 27, 2025. The column titled “2026 Forecast” identifies the Company’s forecast for the current calendar year.

Distribution Assets

The assets involved in the LTIP 2 Initiatives include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Structures
 - Poles
 - Crossarms
- Overhead Conductors and Hardware
- Underground Cables and Hardware
- Breakers and Disconnect Switches
- Protective Devices
 - Fuses
 - Reclosers
 - Network Protectors
 - Lightning Arresters
- Transformers

Overhead Program

The Overhead Program eliminates, converts, and/or upgrades various distribution system assets at or approaching the end of expected useful life. This program includes initiatives aimed at proactive infrastructure upgrades and also includes funding to address failed equipment and equipment identified as in need of replacement through inspections.

I. 4 kV Substation Elimination Initiative

Initiative Description and Purpose

The Substation Elimination Initiative will convert a substation's 4kV load to 23kV operation. By removing the 4kV equipment and upgrading to 23kV, this initiative will permit the decommissioning of 4kV substations.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Overhead Program					
4kV Substation Elimination	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Circuit Miles)	-	-	-	7.0	6.7
Spending (\$ millions)	15.6	2.8	2.2	28.9	15.8

Locations

Areas generally outside of downtown Pittsburgh.

Comments:

The 2026 forecasted spend for this initiative is less than the LTIP 2 as filed due to adjusting the schedules of work within this initiative and the 4kV Stepdown Conversion Initiative. While the 2026 forecasted spending in these individual initiatives is different from the LTIP 2 as filed, the combined investment in these two initiatives for conversion of 4kV to 23kV is approximately equal to the LTIP 2 as filed.

II. 4 kV Stepdown Conversion Initiative

Initiative Description and Purpose

The majority of DLC's 23kV - 4kV stepdown transformers were purchased and installed during the 1970s. The 4kV Stepdown Conversion Initiative will convert 4kV load fed from a stepdown to 23kV. By eliminating 4kV stepdown and upgrading the associated infrastructure to 23kV, this initiative will permit the decommissioning of the 4kV system.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Overhead Program					
4kV Stepdown Conversion	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Circuit Miles)	4.0	7.8	7.1	2.0	11.7
Spending (\$ millions)	5.6	9.1	8.0	3.1	20.4

Locations

Areas generally outside of downtown Pittsburgh.

Comments:

Spending and units of work in 2025 were approximately equal to the forecast provided in the 2025 AAOP. Spending in 2026 is forecasted to be higher than the LTIP 2 as filed due to adjusting the schedules of work within this initiative and the 4kV Substation Elimination initiative. While the 2026 forecasted spending in these individual initiatives is different from the LTIP 2 as filed, the combined investment in these two initiatives for conversion of 4kV to 23kV is approximately equal to the LTIP 2 as filed.

III. Circuit Rehabilitation Initiative
Initiative Description and Purpose

This initiative identifies circuits with equipment failures for rehabilitation with the goal of improving reliability on these circuits. Circuit rehabilitation includes, but is not limited to, replacement of aged cable, connectors/jumpers, insulators, transformers, and terminations.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Overhead Program					
Circuit Rehabilitation	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Circuit Miles)	33.0	22.2	21.1	40.0	2.0
Spending (\$ millions)	3.6	4.2	4.5	4.5	0.2

Locations

Areas generally outside of downtown Pittsburgh.

Comments:

The spending and units of work completed in 2025 were approximately equal to the forecast provided in the 2025 AAOP. In 2026, DLC is completing less work than planned in LTIIIP 2 as filed in order to re-evaluate the costs and benefits of work in this initiative.

IV. *Overhead Devices Initiative*

Initiative Description and Purpose

The purpose of this initiative is to replace distribution overhead devices such as Intellirupters, Vipers, Scadamates, and capacitors. This initiative will focus on the replacement equipment listed above based on condition, age, loading, or equipment that is at or approaching end of useful life.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Overhead Program					
Overhead Devices	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Work Orders)	12	50	34	12	290
Spending (\$ millions)	1.3	5.4	2.9	1.4	12.6

Locations

All areas of DLC system.

Comments:

DLC completed less work in this initiative in 2025 compared to the 2025 AAOP forecast due to prioritization of work across the entire LTIIIP. The amount of work and investment planned for 2026 is higher than the LTIIIP 2 as filed to continue to focus on the condition of DLC’s overhead devices and increasing the priority of replacing 4kV hydraulic reclosers across the system.

V. *Deteriorated Pole Replacements Initiative*

Initiative Description and Purpose

The purpose of this initiative is to replace or reinforce distribution poles that are identified as deteriorated during DLC’s yearly pole inspection program.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Overhead Program					
Deteriorated Pole Replacements	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Poles Addressed)	1,863	1,723	1,690	1,863	2,600
Spending (\$ millions)	23.7	24.6	30.9	20.4	38.8

Locations

All areas of DLC system.

Comments:

DLC completed approximately the same number of units of work in this initiative in 2025 compared to the 2025 AAOP forecast, and spending was higher compared to the AAOP forecast due to the combined impact of higher material costs than assumed and higher construction costs compared to budget assumptions. The 2026 forecast is higher than the LTIIIP 2 as filed due to the variability in the amount of work required associated with results from DLC’s pole inspection program.

VI. *Overhead Line Repairs Initiative*
Initiative Description and Purpose

The purpose of this initiative is to fund the capital replacements for problems found during overhead line inspections performed consistent with the Company’s Biennial Inspection & Maintenance Plan.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Overhead Program					
Overhead Line Repairs	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Work Orders and Tasks)	90	175	114	90	130
Spending (\$ millions)	1.3	5.6	2.3	1.3	3.2

Locations

All areas of DLC system.

Comments:

DLC completed less work in 2025 than was forecasted in 2025 due to reprioritization of work across the LTIIIP. More spending and work are planned for 2026 as compared to the LTIIIP 2 as filed. The amount of work in this initiative is primarily driven by the

results of our overhead line inspection program, and the volume of work and level of investment will vary year to year based on the results of these inspections.

VII. Overhead Repairs and Restoration Initiative
Initiative Description and Purpose

The Overhead Repairs and Restoration Initiative will restore overhead equipment during times of outages as well as mitigate landslides affecting distribution assets. This initiative will allow DLC to maintain the reliability of its distribution infrastructure in landslide-prone areas and respond to emergent issues during active landslides.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Overhead Program					
Overhead Repairs and Restoration	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Work Orders)	4,200	3,820	4,614	4,200	4,000
Spending (\$ millions)	21.6	30.8	36.1	23.4	30.8

Locations

All areas of DLC system.

Comments:

Since the amount of work in this initiative is based on reacting to the need to restore overhead equipment during times of outages, the units of work and cost associated with each unit of work will vary from year to year.

Substations Program

The Substations Program will upgrade aged and problematic substation infrastructure in DLC’s territory. Unit substation upgrades will replace aged transformers and associated equipment that are at or approaching end of useful life. The upgrades of substation equipment will reduce the likelihood of equipment failures and increase the ampacity of select distribution circuits. This Program also includes funding to address failed equipment and equipment identified as in need of replacement through inspections.

I. East End Substation Rehabilitation
Initiative Description and Purpose

The East End Substation Project will consist of replacing an existing substation and enabling additional tie points to existing circuits in the substation area. The East End

Substation Rehabilitation Project will increase reliability and redundancy in the East Liberty area of Pittsburgh.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Substation Program					
East End Substation Rehabilitation	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Project)	-	-	-	-	-
Spending (\$ millions)	28.6	0.5	1.2	25.6	-

Locations

City of Pittsburgh.

Comments:

The scope for the East End Substation Rehabilitation project was revised, and additional planning will be performed in 2026 to develop the revised project schedule and cost forecast. While zero spending is forecasted in 2026 at this time, there will be some planning and possibly preliminary engineering work in 2026.

II. *Establish Watson Substation*

Initiative Description and Purpose

This initiative will construct a new bulk substation in the Uptown neighborhood of Pittsburgh and connect it to existing circuits using underground transmission and distribution lines. Watson Substation is necessary for several reasons, including reliability improvements, resiliency gains, location near upgraded underground infrastructure, and community electrical flexibility.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Substation Program					
Establish Watson Substation	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Project)	1	1	1	-	-
Spending (\$ millions)	21.5	22.8	22.9	0.1	8.5

Locations

City of Pittsburgh.

Comments:

Spending in 2025 on this project was approximately the same as was forecasted in the 2025 AAOP, and the project was substantially completed in 2025 as planned. Some additional work associated with the project is planned in 2026, however the substation was commissioned and placed in service in 2025.

III. *Unit Substation Rehabilitation Initiative*
Initiative Description and Purpose

The purpose of this initiative is to replace the most problematic components of unit substations in the DLC territory. A unit substation consists of a set of 23kV switchgear, a 23kV/4kV transformer with a load tap changer, and a 4kV low-side interrupting device, all contained in a metallic enclosure. This equipment will be replaced/upgraded by this initiative, including 23kV/4kV transformers and associated switchgear.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Substation Program					
Unit Substation Rehabilitation	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Substations)	1	1	-	1	1
Spending (\$ millions)	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.3

Locations

All areas of DLC system.

Comments:

The unit substation rehabilitation project planned for 2025 was not fully completed in 2025 due to a delay in some of the material components being delivered. DLC expects to complete the work in the first half of 2026, and this unit of work is represented in the 2026 forecast. DLC is shifting the timing of this type of work and will use 2026 for scoping and design of the next unit substation rehabilitation which will be completed in 2027.

IV. *Substation Upgrades Initiative*
Initiative Description and Purpose

The purpose of this initiative is to replace aging or problematic voltage regulators, current-limiting reactors, electrical bus work, substation ground grids, digital fault recorders, substation annunciators, SCADA equipment and remote terminal units (RTU's), protective relays, station control and communication batteries, structures, foundations, and associated equipment within DLC's distribution substations.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Substation Program					
Substation Upgrades	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Work Orders)	80	76	51	76	90
Spending (\$ millions)	7.2	15.1	9.6	7.0	19.3

Locations

All areas of DLC system.

Comments:

For context, it should be noted that the nature of the projects in this initiative includes both proactive and reactive repairs and replacements. Projects may be reprioritized based on equipment condition or other factors. A wide range of costs per work order can show up in this initiative.

The spending and number of work orders completed in 2025 were less than forecasted in the 2025 AAOP due to reprioritization of substations work to other substations related projects. The forecasted spending on this initiative in 2026 is higher than the LTIIP 2 as filed. The forecast is higher due to the planning of additional work in this initiative, updated assumptions for costs for work in this initiative, and two new projects that began last year and will be under construction in 2026.

V. *Breaker and Switch Replacements Initiative*

Initiative Description and Purpose

The purpose of this initiative is to replace distribution circuit breakers, switches, and associated equipment, such as structures, foundations, and control cable due to age, condition, and loading.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Substation Program					
Breaker and Switch Replacements	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Work Orders)	5	6	6	5	5
Spending (\$ millions)	1.4	2.4	1.4	1.4	2.4

Locations

All areas of DLC system.

Comments:

Actual work in 2025 and forecasted work in 2026 is consistent with the LTIP 2 as filed and the 2025 AAOP forecast. Spending in 2025 was lower than forecasted due to the variability in costs per work order associated with site-specific scope of work requirements, and due to the breakers being purchased prior to 2025. Spending in 2026 is forecasted to be higher than the LTIP 2 as filed due to the variability in costs per work order associated with site-specific requirements.

Underground Program

DLC’s Underground Program replaces, rehabilitates, and improves obsolete, eligible property approaching the end of its expected useful life. This Program includes proactive replacements and upgrades of underground infrastructure and also includes funding to address failed equipment and equipment identified as in need of replacement through inspections.

I. Cable Replacement Initiative

Initiative Description and Purpose

DLC’s underground and aerial cable has served the system for several years, but it is approaching the end of its expected useful life. This initiative focuses on the replacement of underground and aerial cable alongside their related assets to maintain the current high level of reliability and reduce the likelihood of future failures. Aerial cable is used principally on the 23kV sub-transmission and distribution circuits, often when multiple circuits are on the same pole and through rights-of-way with trees that may cause interference.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Underground Program					
Cable Replacement	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Circuit Miles)	9.0	5.5	3.9	6.0	1.6
Spending (\$ millions)	6.7	7.0	8.4	8.4	3.6

Locations

All areas of DLC system.

Comments:

DLC completed less units of work in 2025 compared to the 2025 AAOP forecast due to one project being delayed due to coordinating with a railroad company for permits to

perform the construction associated with our assets. Spending and work forecasted for 2026 is less than the LTIIIP 2 as filed due to reprioritizing work across the LTIIIP initiatives.

II. URD Rehabilitation Initiative
Initiative Description and Purpose

DLC installed a significant number of Underground Residential Distribution (“URD”) facilities in housing developments in the 1970s. This equipment is approaching the end of expected useful life. Some of this equipment is below grade. The equipment has been exposed to wet conditions due to rain runoff. The deteriorated equipment includes transformers, primary cable, splices, bushing junctions, elbows, brackets, and the vaults themselves.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Underground Program					
URD Rehabilitation	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Transformers)	100	29	22	100	23
Spending (\$ millions)	4.2	3.1	2.6	4.4	1.6

Locations

Areas generally outside of downtown Pittsburgh.

Comments:

Actual work completed in 2025 and spending in 2025 were approximately the same as forecasted in the 2025 AAOP. Spending in this initiative in both 2025 and 2026 is less than the LTIIIP 2 as filed due to DLC reprioritizing its LTIIIP 2 work and other non-LTIIIP 2 capital work. This reprioritization addresses emerging priorities in other LTIIIP 2 initiatives. DLC intends to continue its investment in this initiative.

III. Underground Infrastructure Rehabilitation Initiative
Initiative Description and Purpose

The purpose of this initiative is to replace or extend the life of underground infrastructure such as manholes, vaults, transformers, switches, network protectors, and associated electrical equipment.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Underground Program					
Underground Infrastructure Rehabilitation	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Work Orders)	40	40	56	40	50
Spending (\$ millions)	2.9	6.2	2.5	3.4	7.3

Locations

All areas of DLC system.

Comments:

The units of work completed in 2025 were higher than forecasted in the 2025 AAOP, and spending in 2025 was less than forecasted due to the variability of the type of work and level of effort required to perform the work in this initiative. DLC’s forecasted units of work for 2026 are slightly higher than the LTIIP 2 as filed. DLC’s forecasted spending in 2026 is higher than the LTIIP 2 as filed due to an infrastructure project that has a higher cost per work order than other types of work orders in this initiative.

IV. *Network Transformers Replacements Initiative*

Initiative Description and Purpose

The purpose of this initiative is to replace underground network transformers and associated equipment based on condition, loading, obsolescence, age, or end of useful life in order to maintain reliability and reduce cost associated to outages associated with equipment failure.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Underground Program					
Network Transformer Replacements	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Transformers)	10	5	3	10	4
Spending (\$ millions)	1.4	0.8	0.5	1.5	0.7

Locations

City of Pittsburgh.

Comments:

As reported in the 2024 and 2025 AAOPs, DLC plans to perform fewer asset replacements in this initiative as compared to the LTIP 2 as filed based on the condition and age of assets in this category. Actual work completed in 2025 is less than the forecasted in the 2025 AAOP. This is due to the next priority of transformers to replace being located at one building location, and there being three transformers at that location. Similarly, the next group of transformers to replace in 2026 is a set of four transformers at one location.

V. *Underground Repairs and Restoration Initiative*
Initiative Description and Purpose

The Underground Repairs and Restoration Initiative will restore underground equipment during times of equipment and cable failures and outages. This initiative will allow DLC to maintain the reliability of its distribution infrastructure and respond to emergent issues.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Underground Program					
Underground Repairs and Restoration	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Work Orders)	300	220	217	300	200
Spending (\$ millions)	10.0	11.6	13.1	10.3	10.5

Locations

All areas of DLC system.

Comments:

The underground repair and restoration initiative is reactive by design. Given that the Company cannot accurately predict underground equipment failures with precision, the units and costs will vary from year to year.

System Reliability Program

Description and Purpose

DLC is continuously evaluating the distribution system for near-term capital investment needs associated with forecasted equipment overloads and maintaining system performance to within PUC requirements. The purpose of this program is to fund projects required to resolve these needs.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

System Reliability Program					
System Reliability	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Work Orders)	43	75	72	48	80
Spending (\$ millions)	6.8	18.8	10.8	7.9	19.1

Locations

All areas of DLC system.

Comments:

While units of work in 2025 were consistent with the forecast provided in the 2025 AAOP, spending in 2025 was lower than forecasted due to the variability of cost per work order across the different types of work in this initiative and due to reprioritizing of spending across all LTIP initiatives. Compared to the LTIP 2 as filed, DLC is planning to invest at higher levels in this initiative in 2026 to address ongoing system needs with respect to reliability and capacity to serve our customers.

Highway Relocation Program

Description and Purpose

The Highway Relocation Program consists of work that arises during the course of normal operations required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, PennDOT, counties, cities, municipalities, or other government agencies. As part of unreimbursed road and bridge projects, DLC is required to relocate its distribution facilities. During these relocations, there is the potential for system improvements. Due to the nature of how these relocation projects are scheduled, DLC cannot definitively determine the annual expenditures or number of projects that will be required during the LTIP period.

Scope (Units of Work) and Actual/Planned Expenditures

Highway Relocation Program					
Unreimbursed Highway Relocations	2025 Plan	2025 AAOP	2025 Actuals	2026 Plan	2026 Forecast
Units (Work Orders)	38	60	71	12	65
Spending (\$ millions)	3.5	13.4	6.3	2.4	7.7

Locations

All areas of DLC system.

Comments:

The actual units of work in 2025 were higher than forecasted in the 2025 AAOP and spending was lower than forecasted values in the 2025 AAOP due to the variability in costs per work order associated with smaller projects in this initiative, delays in medium sized projects due the highway construction schedules shifting into 2026, and one large project being delayed due a delay associated with a change in the third party's schedule of the next phase of the associated highway project. Spending in 2026 is forecasted to be higher than the LTIP 2 as filed due to updated assumptions for the amount of work anticipated on highway relocation projects in 2026 based on the needs of the third parties and their highway construction schedules.

DSIC Recovery Summary (2023-2028)

The below table summarizes the Company’s (1) cumulative gross plant-in-service in DSIC-eligible accounts, and (2) annual DSIC revenue requirement relative to the LTIP II timeframe. These data points have previously been reported to the Commission through periodic DSIC surcharge updates and reconciliations.

Duquesne Light Company				
LTIP 2 Summary - DSIC Surcharge Recoveries				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Total</u>
	[1]	[1][2]	[3]	
Cumulative Gross DSIC Plant In Service	\$ 158,589,776	\$ 310,205,984	\$ -	
DSIC Surcharge Calendar Year Revenue Requirement	\$ 7,013,886	\$ 28,251,779	\$ -	\$ 35,265,666
[1] Calendar year revenue requirement is based on plant accumulated up through August 31 of each year.				
[2] Calendar year revenue requirement is based on plant accumulated up through August 31, 2024. Of this amount, \$276,586,967 is associated with the current LTIP 2 Plan.				
[3] Effective 12/20/2024, DSIC Surcharge reset in accordance with Commission Order dated 11/7/2024 at Docket No. R-2024-3046523.				

Please note that these annual DSIC-related data will not correspond directly to annual expenditures reported in the Company’s AAO Plans. This is for several reasons, including:

- The AAO Plans report the Company’s expenditures under its LTIP programs, whereas the above data categories respectively track (1) the cumulative DSIC-eligible plant-in-service, and (2) the amounts that have been recovered through the DSIC. There is a lag between when the Company expends funds under an LTIP program, and when the associated plant is placed into service. There is then an additional lag between when the plant is placed into service, and when the costs thereof are recovered through the DSIC (if at all).
- The Company’s DSIC is reset, and the associated DSIC-eligible plant-in-service is rolled in base distribution rates when the Company files a distribution base rate case. Therefore, a significant portion of the Company’s costs of DSIC-eligible plant-in-service is recovered through base rates, not through the DSIC.
- The AAO Plans report the Company’s total spending under its LTIP programs. A small portion of this spending is not eligible for recovery through the DSIC (e.g., the Company’s costs of removal), and is not included in DSIC-eligible plant-in-service.

Therefore, these data are provided here for informational purposes only.