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**VIA Electronic Mail**

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: TUS Data Request, Duquesne Light Company, Load Interconnection  
Docket No. L-2025-3059032**

Dear Secretary Homsher:

In response to the April 29, 2026 Secretarial Letter, enclosed for filing please find the Responses of Duquesne Light Company to the TUS Data Request Set I - Load Interconnection Questionnaire. Upon review, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [lbaxter@duqlight.com](mailto:lbaxter@duqlight.com) or 412-393-6224.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'LBQ', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Enclosures: Data Request Responses and Verifications  
Cc: Joseph Sherrick (*via email: [josherrick@pa.gov](mailto:josherrick@pa.gov)*)

## **TUS Data Request 1 Load Interconnection Questionnaire**

Note: Please restate the data request before providing a response. In addition, give the name and title of the person(s) providing the response and/or information for each data request.

### **Load-based Interconnection Process Questions for EDCs:**

- 1. Is there an online portal through which applicants can/should submit all applications and supporting documents?**

DLC does not currently offer an online portal for interconnection of new load.

For connections to the distribution system (23 kV and below), applications and supporting information are submitted in accordance with the process outlined on the following webpage: <https://duquesnelight.com/service-reliability/change-of-service>

For transmission-level load interconnections (138 kV), DLC maintains a dedicated webpage that outlines application requirements and provides additional guidance: <https://duquesnelight.com/working-with-us/construction-renovation-and-service-request/large-load-customer-growth/>

For generation interconnection, a customer-facing online portal is available. Applicants must first create an account in the portal in order to submit applications and supporting documentation.

[Duquesne Light Company: Customer Owned Generation - Home](#)

Respondents:

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Mark Skosnik

Manager, Generation Interconnection

- 2. Once an interconnection request is submitted is the applicant provided a direct contact for further communications associated with the request or is the customer only provided a resource account or similar general reference for contact?**

Yes, applicants are provided with direct points of contact, with the level of support depending on project size and type.

For load projects below 300 kW, a distribution technician is assigned as the primary contact. For load projects over 300 kW, a Business Services Representative is assigned in addition to a distribution technician to support ongoing coordination.

For transmission-level load interconnections, a designated point of contact is provided, and applicants may also communicate through a regularly monitored primary inbox: [transmission@duqlight.com](mailto:transmission@duqlight.com).

Customer-owned generation applicants communicate with Duquesne Light's Generation Interconnection staff through the online interconnection portal. A general inbox is also available for generation interconnection inquiries: [interconnection@duqlight.com](mailto:interconnection@duqlight.com).

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**2a. What information on queue position, status of load study, anticipated timeline for completion is made available to applicants on an ongoing basis?**

For transmission interconnection, applicants are kept informed on an ongoing basis as new information becomes available. For projects that are primary in DLC's queue, we maintain regular communication regarding queue status, progress of load studies, and any updates that may impact schedule or scope.

Information related to PJM queue position, the status of load studies, anticipated timelines, and relevant findings is shared with the applicant as it is received.

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Amanda Cavaliero  
Senior Project Developer, Business Services

**2b. At what frequency is this information communicated to applicants?**

Information is communicated to applicants as updates occur.

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Senior Project Developer, Business Services

**3. Is there a single queue that includes both load and generation interconnection requests?**

Distribution-level load interconnection requests are not placed in a formal queue. For transmission-level load interconnections, a single queue is maintained to manage requests.

For large customer-owned generation projects within DLC's system, a queue is established only when multiple applicants are proposed on the same DLC circuit. In those cases, a queue is used

on an as-needed basis, and customers are notified as their position or status changes as studies are completed. Typical study durations range from approximately 60 to 90 business days.

Customer-owned generation projects larger than 3 MW are required to enter the PJM interconnection queue and follow PJM's established interconnection process.

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Mark Skosnik  
Manager, Generation Interconnection

**3a. If so, would it be helpful if there were separate queues?**

At present, DLC handles load and generation interconnections through separate processes. There is no single queue that combines transmission interconnection and generation, which requires each to be studied independently. Maintaining separate queues avoids a "chicken-and-egg" sequencing challenge, where the outcome of one study may inform or impact the other, potentially leading to inefficiencies or system coordination challenges.

Respondent:

Amanda Cavaliero  
Senior Project Developer, Business Services

**4. Do the same staff review both generation and load interconnection requests?**

Business Services at DLC manages both types of requests, though responsibility is split across different teams. New Development Connections supports large load connection requests.

For customer-owned generation up to 3 MW, the Interconnection team manages the request, coordinating as needed with Transmission Planning. Customer-owned generation exceeding 3 MW is enrolled in the PJM interconnection queue and follows PJM's established study process.

Respondent:

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Senior Project Developer, Business Services

**5. What are the different levels of interconnection review for load requests (i.e. single phase, three phase primary service, three phase secondary service, or other)?**

For load interconnection requests, the level of review is primarily determined by the requested service voltage and connection type.

Load requests served at distribution voltages (below 23 kV) follow the distribution interconnection review process, which may include single-phase or three-phase service and primary or secondary connections, depending on customer requirements and existing system configuration.

Load requests at 138 kV are treated as transmission-level load interconnections and undergo a transmission interconnection review process, including feasibility and system impact evaluations as applicable.

Respondent:

Amanda Cavaliero

Senior Project Developer, Business Services

**6. Please explain any differences between generation and load interconnection applications and construction process.**

Proposed generation and load are reviewed to assess the impact to the system, ensure adequate capacity is available, and/or identify any necessary system upgrades.

The construction process follows the same process for both, as construction and maintenance is performed by DLC crews.

Respondent:

Amanda Cavaliero

Senior Project Developer, Business Services

**7. What is the application fee structure for the various levels of load interconnection?**

There is no fee for new load connecting to our distribution system (23kv and below). For customers who wish to connect to our transmission system (138kv), there is a \$250,000 deposit.

Respondent:

Mark

Manager, Generation Interconnection

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**7a. Does the process allow/provide for electronic payments without administrative service fees?**

There is a small online processing fee.

Respondent:

Mark Skosnik

Manager, Generation Interconnection

**8. What studies do load interconnection requests undergo (similar to generation interconnection requests) and are there stated timelines for completion?**

Load interconnection requests undergo a structured feasibility and system impact review process.

Transmission-level load interconnections begin with a DLC feasibility review, which is typically completed within approximately two months and identifies potential system constraints and impacts.

A PJM “do no harm” study is then required to confirm that the proposed interconnection does not adversely affect the regional transmission system. The timeline for this study is established by PJM and may vary.

DLC also performs a secondary, detailed engineering study, generally completed within approximately three months, to further evaluate impacts and required upgrades. Applicants are kept informed as studies progress and information becomes available.

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Amanda Cavaliero  
Senior Project Developer, Business Services

**9. What, if any, prescribed timelines exist to complete the various levels of load interconnection requests?**

DLC’s initial feasibility review for transmission-level load interconnections is generally completed within approximately two months, and the subsequent detailed engineering study is typically completed within approximately three months.

Timelines associated with PJM studies, including the “do no harm” study, are established by PJM and may vary depending on PJM’s study schedule and system conditions.

Applicants are kept informed as reviews progress, and timelines are communicated as more detailed information becomes available during each phase of the process.

Respondent:  
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Senior Project Developer, Business Services

**10. For load interconnection requests that include co-located generation:**

**10a. Are the load and generation requests processed by the same staff or differing staff for load and generation?**

Business Services at DLC manages both types of requests, though responsibility is split across different teams. New Development Connections supports large load connection requests. For

customer-owned generation up to 3 MW, the Interconnection team manages the request, coordinating as needed with Transmission Planning. Customer-owned generation exceeding 3 MW is enrolled in the PJM interconnection queue and follows PJM's established study process.

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**10b. Is there any effort to expedite generation interconnection if it is co-located with a load request?**

While customers are encouraged to consider including generation as part of their project planning, participation is voluntary and is not required at this time. DLC does not expedite interconnection based on co-located generation.

Respondent:

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Senior Project Developer, Business Services

**10c. What steps can be taken to facilitate generation review and interconnection on a similar timeline with the requested load review and interconnection?**

Alignment between generation and load review timelines can be supported through early coordination and concurrent project planning. Submitting complete load and generation requests in close succession, initiating the PJM interconnection process early, and maintaining timely communication can help reviews proceed on similar timelines, recognizing that the processes remain separate.

Respondent:

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**11. What are the most common load interconnection application omissions, errors and/or oversights that contribute to delays in the review process?**

Common causes of delay in load interconnection reviews include incomplete or inconsistent application materials, submission of drawings that are not prepared or stamped by a licensed Professional Engineer, and insufficiently developed or unclear load projections.

Delays can also result from changes to project scope after submittal, missing site or equipment information, and late responses to data or clarification requests during the review process.

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**Verification**

I, Amanda Cavaliero, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: May 6, 2026

Signed,

*Amanda Cavaliero*

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Sr. Project Developer I

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