

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Duquesne Light Company :
For Approval of its Smart Meter : **Docket No. M-2009-2123948**
Procurement and Installation Program :

**PREHEARING MEMORANDUM
OF DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY**

I. INTRODUCTION

Duquesne Light Company (“Duquesne”) is a public utility and an electric distribution company (“EDC”) that provides electric service to approximately 579,000 customers in the City of Pittsburgh, and in Allegheny and Beaver Counties, Pennsylvania. Under Act 129 of 2008 (the “Act”), EDCs with at least 100,000 customers were required to file a smart meter technology procurement and installation plan with the Commission for approval within nine months after the effective date of Act 129, or by August 14, 2009. Duquesne is represented by Gary A. Jack and Erin H. Creahan. Please address all correspondence in this matter as follows:

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II. FILING BACKGROUND

Duquesne Light filed its Smart Meter Procurement and Installation Plan (“SMPI Plan”) on August 14, 2009.

III. ISSUES

Duquesne has received the Comments of various intervenors in this proceeding, is identifying known issues at stake, and intends to address such issues as part of this proceeding.

IV. IDENTIFICATION OF WITNESSES

As part of Duquesne's Smart Meter Procurement and Installation Plan filing made in August, Duquesne submitted pre-written testimony from Ruth Ann DeLost and William V. Pfrommer. Duquesne reserves the right for those witnesses to file additional testimony and for new witnesses to be presented.

V. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

- Duquesne is agreeable that all parties may serve each other by electronic means by any deadlines, followed by hard copies via United States Mail to counsel of all testimony and briefs.

VI. LITIGATION SCHEDULE

The proposed procedural schedule set to date in this matter provides for a Prehearing Conference on October 7, 2009, a Technical Conference on October 27, 2009, and Evidentiary Hearings on November 17-18, 2009. That is acceptable to Duquesne.

The parties have discussed other filing dates and there is at least a core group of parties, including Duquesne, willing to agree to the following schedule:

Other Parties' Direct Testimony – October 29

Rebuttal Testimony – November 6

Surrebuttal – November 12, or possibly November 13 by noon

Oral Rejoinder Outlines – November 16

Hearings – November 17 and 18

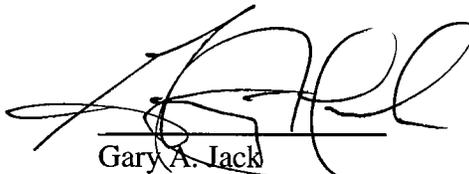
Main Briefs – December 8

Reply Briefs – December 22

VII. SETTLEMENT

Duquesne is willing to enter into and participate in settlement discussions in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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