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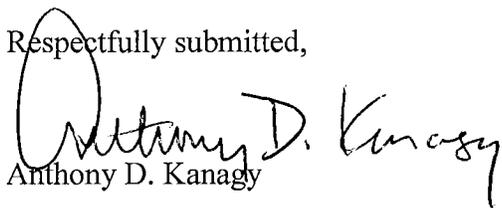
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**Re: Petition of Duquesne Light Company for Approval to Modify its Smart Meter
Procurement and Installation Plan
Docket No. P-2015-2497267**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Prehearing Conference Memorandum of Duquesne Light Company for the above-referenced proceeding. Copies will be provided as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony D. Kanagy

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cc: Honorable Katrina L. Dunderdale
Certificate of Service

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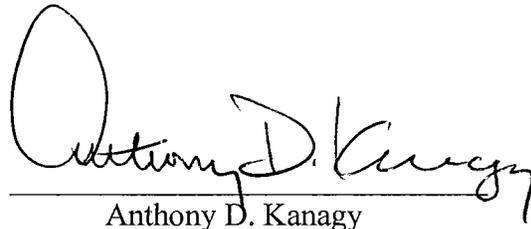
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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Duquesne Light Company for :
Approval to Modify its Smart Meter : Docket No. P-2015-2497267
Procurement and Installation Plan :

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM
OF DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY**

TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE KATRINA L. DUNDERDALE:

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Duquesne Light Company (“Duquesne Light” or the “Company”) hereby submits this Prehearing Conference Memorandum pursuant to the Prehearing Conference Order issued by Administrative Law Judge Katrina L. Dunderdale (the “ALJ”) on October 2, 2015, in the above-captioned proceeding.

On August 4, 2015, Duquesne Light filed the above-captioned Petition with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”). The Petition set forth Duquesne Light’s proposed Amended Smart Meter Deployment Plan.¹ In addition to the Petition and Amended Plan, the Company submitted the written direct testimony of Brian J. Novicki, James T. Karcher, and William V. Pfrommer.

On August 24, 2015, the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) filed an Answer to the Petition. Therein, the OCA requested that Duquesne Light’s Petition be referred to the Office of

¹ The Commission approved the Company’s current Smart Meter Deployment Plan by its Order entered May 6, 2013, at Docket No. M-2009-2123948.

Administrative Law Judge (“OALJ”) for evidentiary hearings to address the issues presented in the Company’s Petition and Amended Smart Meter Deployment Plan.

Also on August 24, 2015, Citizen Power, Inc. (“Citizen Power”) filed an Answer to the Petition. Citizen Power also requested that the matter be referred to the OALJ for further proceedings.

Further, on August 24, 2015, Duquesne Light filed the written supplemental direct testimony of James T. Karcher.

On September 3, 2015, the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) filed a Notice of Intervention, Public Statement, Verification, and Notice of Appearance.

On September 18, 2015, the OCA filed a Notice of Intervention and Public Statement.

On October 2, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Prehearing Conference scheduled for October 13, 2015.

Also on October 2, 2015, the ALJ issued a Prehearing Conference Order that set forth rules for the prehearing conference and the proceeding.

II. COUNSEL

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Duquesne Light’s counsel are authorized to receive copies of all documents served in this proceeding. In addition, Duquesne Light agrees to receive service of documents electronically in this proceeding.

III. WITNESSES AND ISSUES

Duquesne Light’s interpretation of the issues in this proceeding is set forth in the Company’s direct testimony and supplemental direct testimony. The names, addresses, and areas of testimony for each witness are provided below.

Brian J. Novicki Duquesne Light Company 411 Seventh Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219	Statement No. 1	- Overview of Proposed Revisions -Smart Meter Deployment Schedule, Functionality, and Cost Estimates
James T. Karcher Duquesne Light Company 2839 New Beaver Avenue, Mail Drop N2-SO Pittsburgh, PA 15233	Statement No. 2	- Outage Management System (“OMS”) and Distribution Management System (“DMS”) -Outage Communication and Voltage Monitoring Capabilities
	Statement No. 2A	- Study Undertaken to Support Company’s Proposed Advanced Distribution Management System “ADMS”
William V. Pfrommer 411 Seventh Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219	Statement No. 3	- Overview of Smart Meter Charge -Anticipated Costs for Implementing Amended Smart Meter Deployment Plan

The subject matters listed above, as further supported by the testimony and exhibits, represent Duquesne Light’s statement of the issues on this proceeding. Further definition of the issues will be developed by the parties during the course of this proceeding. Duquesne Light

reserves the right to call additional witnesses to present testimony on additional issues and subject matters that may arise during the course of this proceeding.

IV. SCHEDULE

Duquesne Light proposes the following schedule for this proceeding:

Company's Supplemental Direct Testimony Addressing OMS Final Alternative/Proposal	November 13, 2015
Other Parties' Direct Testimony	December 17, 2015
Rebuttal Testimony	January 21, 2016
Surrebuttal Testimony	February 4, 2016
Written Rejoinder Testimony	February 11, 2016
Hearings	February 16-18, 2016
Main Briefs	March 17, 2016
Reply Briefs	April 7, 2016

Duquesne Light is continuing to work with the parties to attempt to reach a mutually agreeable schedule.

V. SETTLEMENT

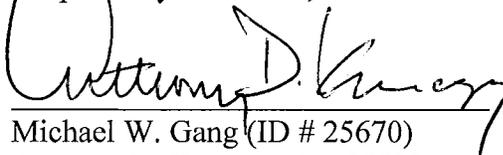
Duquesne Light is willing to enter into settlement discussions with all parties in this proceeding.

VI. DISCOVERY

Duquesne Light does not propose any special discovery rules for this proceeding and is willing to participate in informal discovery with parties.

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