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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2nd Floor 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Public Utility Service Termination Proclamation of Disaster Emergency- Duquesne Light Company's Petition to Intervene to Joint Petition of CAUSE-PA and TURNet al for Due Process Relief Docket M-2020-3019244

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for filing, please find Duquesne Light Company's Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced proceeding. Copies of this document and the enclosed filing have been provided to the parties in accordance with the Certificate of Service. Please contact me with any questions, concerns or comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily M. Farah Counsel, Regulatory

Enclosure

cc: Certificate of Service (w/ encl.)

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Public Utility Service Termination Proclamation of Disaster Emergency -COVID-19

Docket No. M-2020-3019244

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY

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Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.71 *et seq.*, Duquesne Light Company ("Duquesne Light" or the "Company") hereby files this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding, and in support of its Petition states as follows:

1. Duquesne Light Company is a "public utility" and an "electric distribution company" as defined in Sections 102 and 2803 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 102, 2803, and provides electric service to more than 605,000 customers throughout its certificated territory, which includes portions of Allegheny and Beaver counties in western Pennsylvania.

2. Duquesne Light Company will be represented in this matter by:

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3. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.54(b)(3), counsel consents to the electronic service of all documents at the e-mail addresses stated above.

4. The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's ("Commission") Emergency

Order entered on the above-captioned docket, issued on March 6, 2020 and ratified on March 13, 2020, prohibited Duquesne Light and all electric, natural gas, water, waste water, telecommunications, and steam utilities from terminating electric service in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. On July 16, 2020, upon Motion by Commission Chairman Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, permitted utilities to begin the process of informing customers they are behind in payment and at risk of termination but upheld the termination moratorium.

6. On August 5, 2020, the Tenant Union Representative Network ("TURN"), Action Alliance of Senior Citizens of Greater Philadelphia ("Action Alliance"), and the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania ("CAUSE-PA") (collectively, "Low Income Advocates") filed a Joint Petition for Due Process Relief, requesting the Commission initiate a public review process to evaluate whether lifting the extended moratorium is within the public interest.

7. As a public utility certificated by the Commission to provide electric service to more than 605,000 customers in western Pennsylvania, Duquesne Light has a direct and substantial interest in the outcome of this matter.

8. Duquesne Light's interests in this proceeding are unique from and not adequately represented by any other party.

9. Duquesne Light intends to participate as a party in this matter to address its interests related to the moratorium on utility termination, accrual of account arrearages, and availability of financial assistance programs for customers, among other things.

10. If granted party status, Duquesne Light reserves the right to address any additional issues as may be necessary throughout the course of this proceeding.

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WHEREFORE, Duquesne Light Company respectfully requests that the

Commission grant this Petition to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted, DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant):

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