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Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2nd Floor
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**Re: Duquesne Light Company - Default Service Plan IX
Letter re Solar Power Purchase Agreement
Docket No. P-2020-3019522**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Duquesne Light Company (“Duquesne Light” or the “Company”) is filing this letter to provide an update with respect to the Solar Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”) between the Company and Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (“Pine Gate”), which the Company filed at the above-captioned docket on April 1, 2022, and which the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission”) approved by Secretarial Letter issued May 20, 2022.

The PPA, which was marked Confidential, contained provisions governing the circumstances under which the PPA would terminate. Relevant to this letter, PPA Section 20.3 provided for the parties to enter into renegotiations where certain project development milestones were not met, and to terminate the PPA where such renegotiations did not succeed. On December 31, 2022, Pine Gate failed to meet a project development milestone that triggered PPA Section 20.3. The parties attempted to renegotiate the PPA, but these negotiations were not successful, and Pine Gate subsequently terminated the PPA.

The Company is developing a new Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for one or more solar power purchase agreements to replace the PPA with Pine Gate. The Company currently anticipates issuing that RFP as soon as June of 2023. To the extent the Company procures new power purchase agreements through the RFP, it will file them for Commission review in accordance with Commission’s Order entered January 14, 2021, at this docket.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,



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