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Duquesne Light Prepared for Summer Season

PITTSBURGH – With the Fourth of July holiday this weekend, the hot summer season has officially arrived. Duquesne Light is ready for the demands of the hottest months of the year – July and August.

Summer readiness included inspection and aerial patrols of substations, overhead lines and poles, and conducting various storm drills, such as testing the Alternate Operations Center, a fully functional back-up control center that can be activated in less than an hour should the need arise. In addition, to maintain a high level of reliability, all line crews now carry replacement transformers on their trucks to reduce restoration time.

“As one of the peak seasons for power outages related to weather, summertime is a critically important time for us to prepare,” said Mike Doran, Vice President of Operations at Duquesne Light. “The summer seasonal assessment of our local facilities is complete and we’re ready to deliver the reliability our customers expect.”

The summer weather also leads to staffing differently, making line crew schedules based on the day’s weather prediction. Approximately 400 permanent line personnel are ready to respond to outages.

In addition, nearly 1,000 miles of trees have been trimmed in 2015 to help maintain the reliability of Duquesne Light’s system. Tree trimming contractors work extended shifts during the summer months to provide for quicker response in the event of a weather related impact to the system.

While Duquesne Light is prepared, power outages are sometimes unavoidable. Customers should report outages by phone at 1-888-393-7000 or at www.duquesnelight.com via desktop or smartphone.

About Duquesne Light Company

Duquesne Light Company is a leader in the transmission and distribution of electric energy, offering superior customer service and reliability to more than a half a million customers in southwestern Pennsylvania.

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