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HELICOPTER INSPECTING DUQUESNE LIGHT TRANSMISSION LINES

Part of Company's Ongoing Commitment to Maintain Safe, Reliable Delivery of Electricity

PITTSBURGH — A helicopter patrol of Duquesne Light's nearly 620 miles of transmission lines in Allegheny and Beaver counties began this week. This annual aerial inspection will help identify existing and potential maintenance issues so that necessary vegetation management, repairs and equipment replacements can be made in a timely manner.

The flights provide a safe and efficient means to evaluate the transmission lines that cross the company's service territory. The flight crew will use binoculars and cameras to conduct a comprehensive inspection as they travel the transmission rights-of-way, examining hardware, insulators, shield wires and the condition of the towers themselves. From a vantage point that offers a closer perspective than is possible from the ground, the helicopter may pause and hover for closer examination of identified concerns as it slowly flies the length of the transmission circuits to complete the detailed review.

The inspections, which began on June 16, will run daily from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 6 p.m. Weather permitting; the crew will complete the work next week.

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 half a million customers in southwestern Pennsylvania.

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