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August 11 is National 811 Day; Duquesne Light Company Reminds Customers to Call Before Digging

PITTSBURGH – As part of National 811 Day, Duquesne Light Company is asking customers to take the time to call 811 before beginning any digging projects. Duquesne Light is a member of the PA One Call system, which allows customers to make only one toll-free telephone call to notify all appropriate utilities about digging projects.

Every six minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811. Striking a single underground utility line can cause injury, repair costs, fines, and inconvenient outages. Customers are asked to take following steps when planning a project:

- Before you call, determine the tag number of the nearest utility pole, pad-mounted transformer or underground vault cover to pinpoint your location.
- Make the call during the planning stage to avoid any delays.
- Contact PA One Call at 1-800-242-1776 or 811 at least 72 hours before starting to dig. Wait for a follow-up call from appropriate utilities about the location of underground cables or facilities near the dig site.
- Review all OSHA regulations about working near electrical power lines.

By following these steps, you can avoid injuries, damage to your property or prolonged power outages. For more information visit, visit DuquesneLight.com or PA1Call.org.

About Duquesne Light Company

Duquesne Light Company is committed to more than keeping the lights on; it powers the moments in its customers' lives. As a next generation energy company, Duquesne Light Company's nearly 1,500 employees are dedicated to delivering reliable and safe energy to more than a half a million customers in southwestern Pennsylvania

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