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## Make a New Year's Resolution to be Prepared for Disasters

Duquesne Light Participates in FEMA 'Resolve to be Ready' Campaign

**PITSBURGH** – The start of the new year is right around the corner, and residents throughout Western Pennsylvania are preparing to make New Year's Resolutions. This year, Duquesne Light is encouraging its customers to make a New Year's resolution to be prepared for storms and disasters before they strike.

By participating in FEMA's Resolve to Be Ready campaign, Duquesne Light is urging residents to take steps, such as assembling disaster supply kits, creating family preparedness plans, getting trained in first aid and much more, so they are prepared when the unexpected occurs.

"Storms and other natural disasters that may cause extended power outages can happen at any time," said Mike Doran, Vice President of Operations. "Being prepared in advance of an emergency is the best way to stay safe."

Perhaps the most important preparedness step is assembling a basic emergency supplies kit. The items should be stored in a closeable container – such as duffle bag or crate – and kept in an easy-to-access place. Following is a list of items to consider including in a kit.

- Nonperishable foods (such as canned goods or granola bars)
- Drinking water (one gallon per person per day to last three days)
- Medications
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries
- Cash (ATMs do not work during power outages)
- Pen and paper
- List of emergency contact numbers
- Copies of important documents (such as insurance policies)

Additional items should be included, based on each family's particular needs. For more information, visit <a href="www.ready.gov/ready2015">www.ready.gov/ready2015</a> or visit the "Power Outage Tips" section of DuquesneLight.com.

## **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.