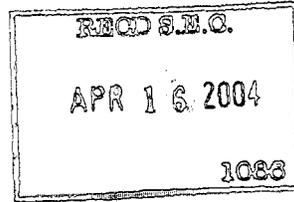


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY, 6.50% Preferred Stock and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on April 16, 2004. Tentative listing date - April 20, 2004.

Sincerely,