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**CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER INTRODUCES DUQUESNE LIGHT CO. CENTER FOR STEM  
EDUCATION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

***NEW NAME RECOGNIZES DUQUESNE LIGHT'S INCREASED SUPPORT FOR STEM  
PROGRAMMING***

**PITTSBURGH, Oct. 3, 2018** – Officials of Carnegie Science Center and Duquesne Light Co. announced the naming of the Duquesne Light Co. Center for STEM Education and Career Development during a news conference today at the Science Center. This new name recognizes the company's increased support of Carnegie Science Center's programs to inspire students to pursue STEM careers.

Duquesne Light has been a supporter of the Science Center since it opened in 1991 and is a Founding Partner of the STEM Center, which launched in 2011. Its donations over the past two years and the company's commitment for the next three years will total nearly \$1 million.

The Duquesne Light Co. Center for STEM Education and Career Development is the umbrella for Carnegie Science Center's many programs to increase students' interest in STEM topics and STEM careers. While STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering, and math, at Carnegie Science Center, STEM encompasses more. The Science Center views STEM as an integrated, interdisciplinary, student-centered approach to learning that encourages curiosity, creativity, artistic expression, collaboration, communication, problem solving, critical thinking, and design thinking.

The Center is headed by Jason Brown, the Science Center's Senior Director of Science and Education. Among its programs are themed field trips, student competitions, professional development for educators, programs targeting early learners and girls, the Fab Lab Carnegie Science Center makerspace, and the STEMisphere.org online directory of local and national STEM resources.

Ron Baillie, Co-Director of Carnegie Science Center, said Duquesne Light's support is a great example of its commitment to the community. "Duquesne Light has provided electricity in the Pittsburgh area for nearly 140 years. The company describes itself as "Larger than Light," and its dedication to efforts to improve STEM education in southwestern Pennsylvania and beyond show that it offers community service, as well as electrical service," he said. "We are proud to work together with Duquesne Light to serve the community."

Ann Metzger, Carnegie Science Center Co-Director, said the Science Center's STEM-focused programs reach more than 90,000 students a year. Support from committed partners is vital for maintaining and expanding these programs, she said.

"We at Carnegie Science Center are committed to making today's students tomorrow's scientifically literate workforce, but we can't do it alone," Metzger said. "We need the help of forward-thinking community partners, such as Duquesne Light, to succeed in our endeavors. That is why we are so appreciative of Duquesne Light's support and so delighted to introduce the Duquesne Light Center for STEM Education & Career Development."

Todd Faulk, Duquesne Light's Vice President of Human Resources, said the company needs a workforce with strong STEM skills to deliver a safe and reliable supply of electricity to its nearly 600,000 customers in Allegheny and Beaver Counties. "We think it is important to support Carnegie Science Center's efforts to excite students about STEM and improve teachers' STEM instruction. Field trips loaded with hands-on activities and chances to meet science and technology professionals are a great introduction to STEM careers," Faulk said.

Jessica Rock, Duquesne Light's Vice President of Communications and Corporate Citizenship, said the company is excited about its growing relationship with Carnegie Science Center. "An investment of this magnitude in Carnegie Science Center will pay dividends for generations to come as today's students become tomorrow's highly skilled STEM workforce," she said.

The news conference also featured special guests from Pittsburgh Schiller 6-8 who learned how to create electrical circuits to turn on lights. The students—some of whom might grow up to be electrical engineers or technicians for Duquesne Light—concluded the news conference when they used their circuits to "Light It Up"!

#### **About Carnegie Science Center**

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums

of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

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**About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh**

Established in 1895 by Andrew Carnegie, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. In 2017, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

**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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