



**Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc.  
Proposed Rate Request**

**Cases 16-E-0060 & 16-G-0061**

In January 2016, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) requested that the New York State Public Service Commission approve proposed increases in its electric and gas rates. Con Edison serves approximately three million customers in New York City and Westchester County.

Upon receipt of the rate filing, Department of Public Service (DPS) Staff began an analysis of the Company's request to evaluate whether – or to what extent – a rate increase is justified. DPS represents the public interest in rate proceedings and evaluates such requests with the goal of ensuring safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates.

Review of the Con Edison filing is also underway by other parties to the proceeding.

**Public Statement Hearings**

The Commission is seeking comment on the increase to electric and gas rates. An Administrative Law Judge will preside over the gathering of public comments and all evidence relating to the rate request. The comments made at the hearings will become part of the record in these proceedings and will be presented to the Commission for consideration. The Commission may adopt or reject Con Edison's proposal in whole or in part.

Interested members of the public are invited to attend a public statement hearing and provide comments regarding the proposal. The hearing will be preceded by an information session where DPS Staff will explain the rate case process and how individuals can participate. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or present written material in order to speak at the hearing.

Please join us at the following locations:

**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016  
**Time:** 4:30pm  
**Location:** NYS DPS  
90 Church Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor - Boardroom  
New York, NY

**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2016  
**Time:** 4:30pm  
**Location:** Yonkers Public Library  
Riverfront Branch  
1 Larkin Center  
Yonkers, NY 10701

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations may place a collect call to the DPS's Human Resources Management Office at 518-474-2520. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711 to reach the Human Resource Office at the previously mentioned number. If you have difficulty understanding English, please call DPS at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services.

## Summary of the Rate Case

On January 29, 2016, Con Edison filed for new electric and gas rates to be effective beginning January 1, 2017. According to the filing, the Company's primary goals are to build the infrastructure needed to provide safe and reliable electric and gas service at a reasonable cost while implementing new state-of-the-art technology to better serve its customers. Con Edison asserts that it is focusing on three objectives to achieve its goals: 1) public and employee safety; 2) operational excellence; and 3) enhancing the customer experience.

### **Proposed Rates:**

An electric or gas bill consists of two parts: delivery and supply. The *delivery* charge is the cost to transport the electricity or gas to customers throughout the utility's system. This delivery charge is regulated by the Commission. The *supply* charge is the cost of the electricity or gas itself. This cost is determined by the competitive market place and is not set by the Commission or the utility.

Con Edison's proposed rate request is designed to increase the Company's annual electric delivery revenues by approximately \$482 million (a 9.5% increase). The Company is also seeking to increase its annual gas delivery revenues by approximately \$154 million (a 13.4% increase).

If the proposed rate requests were to be approved, the Company estimates that the annualized monthly bill for electric service for a 450 kWh/month residential customer will increase by \$4.11 (or 5.2%). Similarly, the annualized monthly bill for gas service to a residential heating customer using 100 therms/month is estimated by the Company to increase by \$10.99 (or 7.7%). Con Edison also proposed to continue both the electric and gas low-income discounts for eligible customers.

### **Rate Case Components:**

**Electric Service:** Con Edison's plan includes replacement of assets to manage risk and maintain reliability, as well as expansion of its system to accommodate growth. Con Edison is proposing numerous projects intended to enable it to serve as the Distributed System Platform operator and to accommodate increased distributed energy resources. Additionally, Con Edison proposes, in this case, to move forward in the implementation of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system which involves the installation of smart meters for all of its customers. In this filing, the Company is proposing metrics for the AMI system that will enable the Commission to monitor the success of the project.

**Natural Gas Service:** The Company states that its gas infrastructure must grow to accommodate more customers in the service territory. It also expects to implement an aggressive main replacement program to enhance the safety and reliability of its gas delivery system. Con Edison is also proposing to implement a new Gas Work and Management System to improve leak detection. Starting in 2018, the AMI system will be implemented for gas customers as well.

The full text of the rate case may be viewed online at DPS's [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov) website. From the homepage, click on "Search," and enter the case number (16-E-0060 or 16-G-0061) in the "Search by Case Number" field.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Some individuals or groups participate in rate cases by becoming a party in the case. Instructions on how to request party status in the Con Edison cases may be found in the Commission's Notice of Technical and Procedural Conference issued on February 8, 2016. The notice is available online at DPS's [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov) website. From the homepage, click on "Search," and enter the case number (16-E-0060 or 16-G-0061) in the "Search by Case Number" field.

There are also several other ways to participate in the rate case process, including:

- **Join the Service List:** Interested persons who wish to monitor the proceedings of a particular case can do so without the formal commitment to become a party to the proceeding. The persons who subscribe to the service list of a case will receive an e-mail with a direct link to the documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulings. Persons unable or unwilling to receive such electronic notification will receive hard copies of Commission-issued documents by regular mail.

To register online, click on the "Subscribe to Service List" link at the top of the page for Cases 16-E-0060 and 16-G-0061. A "Service List and Mail Service List Request Form" can be downloaded from the site and the completed form sent by e-mail to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov) or by mail to: Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350.

- **Monitor the Case on the Commission Website:** Interested persons who choose not to sign up to receive e-mail notifications can view our website at their convenience to check on the status of a case. All documents filed by parties, correspondence, hearing transcripts, and Commission issued documents in a given case are posted on the website. All comments submitted by the public are posted under the 'public comments' tab for the case.
- **Provide Comments:** There are opportunities to attend public outreach events to learn about the proposals and provide comments. All comments can be submitted at the public statement hearings held on June 21 or 22, 2016 or through the methods below:
  - **Via the Department's Website:** Comments may also be entered directly into the case by locating the case via the home page of the Commission's website, [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), by clicking on "Search," and entering the associated case number (noted above) in the "Search by Case Number" field. After clicking to open the case, enter comments in the "Post Comments" section located at the top of the page.
  - **Via Mail/E-Mail:** Submit comments electronically to Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov) or by mail or delivery to Secretary Burgess at the Department of Public Service, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments delivered in these manners should reference "Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. Rate Case" (16-E-0060 or 16-G-0061).
  - **Via Toll-Free Opinion Line:** Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24-hours a day. Callers should press "1" to leave comments about Cases

16-E-0060 or 16-G-0061 “Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.”. Comments received via the Opinion Line are not transcribed, but a summary is provided to the Commission for their consideration.

Comments submitted via these alternative means will be accepted at any point while this proceeding is pending, but are requested by August 5, 2016 to ensure full consideration. All comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission.