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PSC TO IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN NYC, WESTCHESTER —Con Edison Ordered to Substantially Increase Funding for Gas Energy Efficiency—

Albany, NY—9/17/08— The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today ordered Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) to maintain its existing \$14 million natural gas energy efficiency program and to start work immediately on creating a more comprehensive — and a substantially better funded — portfolio of gas energy efficiency programs to better serve New York City and Westchester County consumers.

“Energy efficiency is without question the most cost-effective approach we can take to help reduce our dependency on costly fossil fuels such as natural gas,” said Commission Chairman Garry Brown. “We enthusiastically support utilities’ efforts to find ways to help low-income families and other customers become more energy efficient, which in the long-term will help reduce expected increases in consumers’ monthly utility bills.”

As authorized, Con Edison shall continue to fund its current gas energy efficiency program and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) will continue as administrator of the program. Meanwhile, Con Edison and NYSERDA shall work together to develop a new \$24 million comprehensive portfolio of gas energy efficiency initiatives for Commission consideration to be effective in 2009.

The potential energy efficiency savings in these efforts is significant. According to a market potential study funded by Con Edison, the economic potential for natural gas savings in its service territory by 2016 is estimated at nearly 20 million dekatherms — enough to supply

more than 166,000 average-style homes. In fact, nearly 16 million dekatherms, or 80 percent of the target, could be achieved by replacing old style gas-burning equipment with new, more efficient models.

In addition to Con Edison, NYSEERDA and Commission Staff, other organizations involved in this initiative included New York City, the County of Westchester, New York State Consumer Protection Board, Consumer Protection Association, New York Energy Consumers Council, Inc., Pace Energy and Climate Center, Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., Public Utility Law Project, Inc. and Association for Energy Affordability.

The Commission's decision today, when issued, may be obtained from the Commission's www.dps.state.ny.us Web site by accessing the Commission's File Room section of the homepage and referencing Case 06-G-1332. Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission orders may also be obtained from the Commission's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500).