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EXPANDED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS APPROVED

— 3 Utilities Win Notable Changes to Energy Efficiency Efforts —

Albany, NY—5/19/11— The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved a new targeted demand side management program for Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. to provide financial incentives to install energy efficiency measures that defer or avoid transmission and distribution (T&D) capital expenditures. Meanwhile, in a separate action, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation's (RG&E) was allowed to eliminate the 100kW demand threshold for customer eligibility for electric non-residential commercial and industrial custom rebate energy efficiency programs as a way to allow smaller businesses to participate.

“Our approval of changes to customer eligibility requirements will enable more commercial and industrial customers to participate in energy efficiency programs which will directly help them reduce monthly utility bills,” said Commission Chairman Garry Brown, referring to the NYSEG and RG&E programs. “It will help expand the number of customers eligible for energy efficiency financial incentives.”

Con Edison's new targeted demand side management program will provide financial incentives to demand side management providers as a way to reduce demand specifically to defer or avoid T&D upgrades. Con Edison's program was approved for up to \$25 million a year for four years; with the goal of attaining 100 MWs of permanent load reduction.

Con Edison's targeted demand side management program has a focus on reducing peak load to avoid or defer specific transmission and distribution upgrades to the overall benefit of ratepayers.

In addition to the Con Edison's energy efficiency initiative, the Commission approved NYSEG and RG&E request to eliminate the 100kW demand threshold for customer eligibility for the companies' electric non-residential commercial and industrial custom rebate energy efficiency programs. Eliminating the 100kW threshold will provide greater overall opportunity for program participation, particularly from customer segments whose specific projects do not fall within the companies' current programs for small business customers.

The expanded energy efficiency program includes offering business customers upgrades and efficiency improvements to refrigeration, energy management systems, energy recovery systems, various industrial processes, day-lighting systems, and other measures.

As an indication of the value of eliminating barriers to energy efficiency, the Commission said it will allow other electric utilities the option to remove the 100kW customer eligibility threshold requirement where it has been required for other commercial and industrial electric utility energy efficiency programs.

The Commission's decisions today, when issued, may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission's Web site at www.dps.state.ny.us and entering Case Numbers 09-E-0115, 08-E-1129, and 08-E-1030 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number". 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).