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## **PSC Seeks Comment on Joint Proposal Concerning 2006 LIC Outage**

*-Interpreters for Spanish Speaking Persons Wishing to Make Statements at Hearings-*

Albany, NY—5/22/08—The New York State Public Service Commission will hold informational forums and public statement hearings concerning the Commission's prudence investigation of the Long Island City electric network outage in 2006, and a Joint Proposal of interested parties offered to resolve the proceeding. Interpreters will be available for persons wishing to comment in Spanish at the public statement hearings as noted below. The dates and locations of the informational forums and public statement hearings are as follows:

### **TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008**

Public School 150, Auditorium

40-01 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

Sunnyside, NY

**6:30 p.m.** Informational Forum

**7:30 p.m.** Public Statement Hearing

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008**

Public School 11, Auditorium

54-25 Skillman Avenue

Woodside, NY

**6:30 p.m.** Informational Forum

**7:30 p.m.** Public Statement Hearing

*Spanish Interpreters will be available at each of the Public Statement Hearings.*

Each hearing will remain open until all persons who wish to comment orally have been heard or other suitable arrangements are made.

### **Background**

On April 18, 2007, the Public Service Commission commenced an investigation into the prudence of the actions of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) regarding the 2006 outage of the Long Island City electric network, to determine whether rates contain, or are proposed to contain, costs attributable to the company's imprudence.

Following the identification of issues and substantial discovery, Con Edison, Staff of the Department of Public Service, and other interested parties filed a Joint Proposal containing the terms and conditions under which the signatory parties recommend that the prudence portion of this proceeding be concluded. Copies of the Joint Proposal are available electronically at: [www.dps.state.ny.us/06E0894/06E0894\\_Joint\\_Proposal\\_4-24-08.pdf](http://www.dps.state.ny.us/06E0894/06E0894_Joint_Proposal_4-24-08.pdf). Comments by the parties on the reasonableness of the terms of the Joint Proposal will be posted on the Department's [www.dps.state.ny.us](http://www.dps.state.ny.us) Web site by accessing the "What's New" section of the homepage and referencing "Case 06-E-0894."

The Public Service Commission may adopt, adopt with changes, or reject the terms of the Joint Proposal, or may adopt terms other than those proposed.

### **Public Statement Hearing**

Promptly following each of the informational forums, interested members of the public will have an opportunity to present their views before an Administrative Law Judge at a public statement hearing. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at the public statement hearings. Speakers will be called after completing a card requesting time to speak.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations may place a collect call to the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711 to reach the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office.

### **Other Ways to Comment**

In addition to the public statement hearings, comments (in English or Spanish) may be mailed to Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. The comments should refer to “Case 06-E-0894 – Prudence Investigation of LIC Outage.”

**Toll-free Opinion Line:** Comments may also be submitted through the Public Service Commission’s Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is designed to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should select English or Spanish and press “1” to leave comments about the proposal.

**The Internet:** Comments may also be submitted via the “PSC Comment Form,” in the “Consumer Assistance” section accessed through the Public Service Commission’s [www.dps.state.ny.us](http://www.dps.state.ny.us) Web site. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

Public comments should be submitted as soon as possible, but must be received not later than June 20, 2008. All public statements and comments received timely will be reported to the Commission, placed in the official case file, and made available for public inspection in the Commission’s file room in its Albany offices, Central Files, 14<sup>th</sup> floor, Three Empire State Plaza.