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## **PSC Seeks Comment Regarding Con Edison's Proposal to Increase Rates for Natural Gas Delivery Service**

Albany, NY—7/2/07—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold public statement hearings concerning a June 1, 2007 Joint Proposal which, if adopted by the Commission, would increase Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.'s (Con Edison) rates for gas delivery service. The Joint Proposal was submitted to the Commission by Con Edison, Staff of the Department of Public Service, City of New York, Consumer Power Advocates, New York Energy Consumers Council, Small Customer Marketer Coalition, Pace Energy Project, Association for Energy Affordability, IDT Energy, and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). The Joint Proposal would establish delivery rates for three rate years, beginning October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2010.

The dates, locations and times for the public statement hearings include the following:

**Monday, July 9, 2007, 5:00pm**

Westchester County Center  
Meeting Room B  
198 Central Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10606

**Tuesday, July 10, 2007, 5:00pm**

City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center  
First Floor – Segal Theatre  
365 Fifth Avenue (34<sup>th</sup> Street and Fifth Avenue)  
New York, NY 10016

The proposal under review by the Commission includes increases to Con Edison's rates designed to produce an additional \$84.6 million in revenues in rate year one (14.1 percent delivery rate increase; 4.32 percent total bill increase); an additional \$32.7 million in revenues in rate year two (5.45 percent delivery rate increase; 2.18 percent total bill increase); and an additional \$42.7 million in revenues in rate year three (7.12 percent delivery rate increase; 2.18 percent total bill increase).

Under the proposal Con Edison may also collect in the first year up to \$14 million (2.3 percent delivery rate increase; 2.18 percent total bill increase) through an energy efficiency surcharge to recover payments to NYSERDA for gas efficiency program expenditures. In addition to the rate provisions, the Joint Proposal addresses an earnings sharing mechanism, gas energy efficiency programs, performance measures for gas safety and customer service, and funding for low-income rate reductions. A complete copy of the Joint Proposal can be viewed or downloaded from the Commission's Web site at: [http://www.dps.state.ny.us/Case\\_06-G-1332.htm](http://www.dps.state.ny.us/Case_06-G-1332.htm). The Commission may adopt, reject or modify the terms and conditions of the Joint Proposal and the Commission may increase, decrease, or change rates for gas service other than as proposed by parties.

### **Public Statement Hearings**

The public statement hearings will remain open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements are made. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. The comments will be transcribed and become part of the record. Members of the public need not make an appointment in advance or present written material to speak at the hearing.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should also contact the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible.

### **Other Ways to Comment**

**Writing:** Those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at the public statement hearing may also comment by writing to Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Your comments should refer to “Case 06-G-1332-Con Edison Gas Rates.”

**Toll-free Opinion Line:** Members of the public may call the Commission’s toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up 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 Con Edison rate proposals.

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

All comments submitted via one of these alternative means should be submitted as soon as possible. All statements made at the hearings and all other comments timely received by the Commission will become part of the record, made available for inspection in the Commission’s file room, and be reported to the Commission for its consideration.