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Permanent Siting Board Schedules Meeting

Albany, NY – 1/13/03 -- The Permanent New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Permanent Siting Board) has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. in the 19th floor Boardroom at 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York. The purpose of the meeting is to consider whether or not an amendment should be granted to the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need issued to Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) to construct an electric generating facility to repower its East River Generating Station in New York City (Case 99-F-1314).

On August 30, 2001, the East River Siting Board voted to grant Consolidated Edison a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct a 360-megawatt (MW) electric generating facility at its existing East River Generating Station located between 14th and 15th Streets and between Avenue C and FDR Drive in Manhattan. The proposed amendment the Siting Board will consider on January 16 would give Manhattan Community Board 3 more time to provide Con Edison notice of whether the fund established in the Siting Board's previous April 18, 2002 Certificate amendment should be used to pay for the installation of a nozzle on an existing exhaust stack at the East River Generating Station, or to pay for alternative community benefit projects.

The meeting of the Permanent Siting Board is open to the public. However, since participants in the case pending before the Siting Board already have been provided opportunities to comment on and respond to the proposed amendment, participants will not address the Board at the meeting. Individuals in New York City wishing to view the Board's

meeting may do so in the Board Room on the 8th floor of the New York State Public Service Commission's offices at One Penn Plaza, 34th Street between 7th and 8th Avenues, Manhattan. The videocasting will be for viewing and listening purposes only. **Pursuant to procedures established by the building management, anyone planning to observe the meeting in the New York City Board Room must notify Jan Goorsky at 212-290-4361 no later than 10:00 a.m. on January 15, 2003 and must be prepared to show valid photo identification upon arrival at One Penn Plaza.** In addition, the meeting will be broadcast live on the Internet. The Internet broadcast can be viewed through a subscription to NewYorkAdmin by accessing <http://www.NewYorkAdmin.com> from a computer capable of using RealPlayer. RealPlayer can be downloaded from the NewYorkAdmin site. The Siting Board has no financial interest in the website, its management, maintenance or administration.

TDD users may request that a sign language interpreter be present at the Siting Board meeting. To make a request, please call the New York State Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management office at (518) 474-2520 through the New York Relay Service at 1-800-662-1220 or have a representative call collect directly to the office. Disabled persons who require special accommodations other than a sign language interpreter may place a collect call to the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management office at (518) 474-2520.

The Permanent Siting Board consists of the following state officials or their designees: Chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission and the Commissioners from the New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation, Health, Economic Development, and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

Copies of public filings relating to the proposed amendment before the Siting Board, including the proposed amendment itself, are available for inspection at the Files Office, New York State Department of Public Service, 14th Floor, 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500) and at the Department's New York City Files Office, 8th Floor, One Penn Plaza, New York, NY (212-290-4361). Requests to view such material should refer to Case 99-F-1314.

The East River Siting Board's August 30, 2001, written decision granting Con Edison a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct a 360 MW electric generating facility is available in the aforementioned file rooms as well as on the Department of Public Service's website at <http://www.dps.state.ny.us/eastriver.htm>. Many libraries offer free Internet access.