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Comment Sought on New Electric & Gas Rates for Con Edison Customers

Second Set of Public Hearings Convened to Receive Public Input on Proposed Rate Increase

ALBANY — The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today announced it would hold public statement hearings in Yonkers and Manhattan to receive comments on changes proposed by Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) to its electric and gas delivery rates and practices. On January 31, 2019, Con Edison requested that the Commission approve proposed increases in its electric and gas delivery service rates intended to take effect on January 1, 2020.

On October 18, 2019, several parties, including Department of Public Service staff, Con Edison, New York City, along with environmental, low-income and consumer advocates, entered into a joint proposal that would establish new rate plans for Con Edison’s electric and gas delivery services for three years beginning January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022.

This is the second set of public statement hearings held by the Commission on this topic. Four hearings were held in June in Manhattan and Yonkers to give the opportunity for comment on the Company’s original rate proposal. The December 11 hearings will provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the joint proposal.

Under New York State Law, the Commission may adopt, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendations in the joint proposal. Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) will preside over the public statement hearings, the gathering of public comments, the evidentiary hearing, and all evidence relating to the proposal.

Opportunities for public information and comment will be held, as follows:

| <u>Wednesday, December 11, 2019</u> | <u>Wednesday, December 11, 2019</u> |
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| Yonkers Public Library 1 Larkin Center Yonkers, NY 10701 Public Statement Hearing: 1:00 P.M. | SUNY Global Center 116 E. 55th Street New York, NY 10022 Public Statement Hearing: 6:30 P.M. |

The joint proposal proposes to increase the company's annual electric delivery revenues by approximately \$113.3 million in Rate Year 1, \$370.3 million in Rate Year 2 and \$326.4 million in Rate Year 3. If the Commission approves the rate increases recommended in the joint proposal, the electric delivery revenue increase would result in an average monthly total bill increase of 4.2 percent

in Rate Year 1, 4.7 percent in Rate Year 2 and 4 percent in Rate Year 3 for a residential customer using 600 kWh per month.

The joint proposal also recommends levelized increases of Con Edison's annual gas delivery revenues by approximately \$47.2 million in Rate Year 1, \$176.3 million in Rate Year 2 and \$170.4 million in Rate Year 3. The recommended gas delivery revenue increase contained in the joint proposal would result in an average monthly total bill increase of 7.5 percent in Rate Year 1, 8.8 percent in Rate Year 2 and 7.2 percent in Rate Year 3 for a residential heating customer using 100 therms per month.

At the public statement hearings, those wishing to comment on the joint proposal will have an opportunity to make a statement on the record. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance in order to speak at the hearing. Persons wishing to comment will be asked to complete a card requesting time to speak when they arrive at the hearing and then will be called in the order in which the cards are received. Speakers may, but are not required to, provide written copies of their comments. Each public statement hearing will be held open for a minimum of one-half hour and will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to submit comments. A verbatim transcript of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record.

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations should contact the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. Users of Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading the English language are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

Other Ways to Comment For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to comment about these cases to the Commission. Comments should refer to one or more of the following cases: "Case 19-E-0065" (Con Edison electric rates); or "Case 19-G-0066" (Con Edison gas rates).

Internet or Email: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "Search," enter the applicable case number (19-E-0065 or 19-G-0066) and then click the "Post Comments" button at the top of the page; or email comments to the Secretary for the Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov.

By Mail or Hand Delivery: Alternatively, comments may be mailed or delivered to the Honorable Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Commenters also may call the Commission's 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. Comments provided through the Toll-Free Opinion Line are not transcribed, but a summary is provided to the ALJs and to the Commission for its consideration.

Comments submitted via these alternative means are requested by **December 20, 2019**, although comments will be accepted throughout these proceedings. Written comments received by the Department will become part of the record considered by the Commission. Written comments may be viewed online by going to www.dps.ny.gov, clicking on "Search," entering the applicable case number (19-E-0065 or 19-G-0066), and then clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.