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## PSC Announces Public Statement Hearings on Article VII Transmission Line

Albany, NY – 08/30/06 – The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today announced that it will conduct two public statement hearings in Yonkers on September 6, 2006, to seek consumer views concerning a proposal by Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison or the company) to construct a new, 345 kV electric transmission line from Con Edison's existing Sprain Brook Substation in Yonkers to the new Academy Substation in upper Manhattan.

The date, location and times for the public statement hearings are as follows:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2006  
City of Yonkers, City Hall  
40 South Broadway  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Ceremonial Court Room  
Yonkers, New York  
4:00 p.m. **and** 6:30 p.m.

### Summary of Proposal

Con Edison considers the transmission line project an essential infrastructure upgrade that will improve overall service. Con Edison states that the proposal is in the public interest because it will enhance the company's ability to provide reliable power supply and improve reliability of the transmission and distribution system, by relieving overload conditions and increasing capability to import power into New York City. As proposed, most of the approximately 9.5 mile line will be underground. It is designed to meet and support anticipated load growth in upper Manhattan, portions of the Bronx, and southern Westchester County. If approved, the company plans to place the proposed line in service in May 2008.

## **Public Statement Hearings**

Members of the public will have an opportunity to present comments at the two hearings before the Administrative Law Judges assigned by the Commission to this case. A verbatim transcript of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at either the 4:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. public statement hearing. Speakers will be called after completing a card requesting time to speak. Both hearings will remain open and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements are made.

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 Office at the telephone number.

## **Other Ways to Comment**

In addition to the formal hearings, comments may be mailed to Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Your comments should refer to "Case 06-T-0710—M29 Transmission Line Project."

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

**The Internet:** Comments also may 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 statements and comments received by the Commission are placed in the public case file and made available for public inspection in the Commission's file room, and are reported to the Commission for its consideration.

Copies of the proposal in Case 06-T-0710 may be viewed at the New York State Department of Public Service, Central Files, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York or by visiting the following local libraries:

Yonkers Public Library  
Riverfront Library  
1 Larkin Center  
Yonkers, New York 10701

New York Public Library  
Spuyten Duyvil Branch  
650 W. 235<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bronx, New York 10463

New York Public Library  
Inwood Branch  
4790 Broadway  
New York, New York 10034

New York Public Library  
Riverdale Branch  
5540 Mosholu Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10471

For additional information on the proposal or to ask questions about the process, call the Commission's Article VII, toll-free Information Line at 1-877-772-2789 or visit the [www.AskPSC.com](http://www.AskPSC.com) Web site.

This matter is being heard in Case 06-T-0710 – Application of Consolidated Edison of New York, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need under Article VII of the New York State Public Service Law for the M29 Transmission Line Project.