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PSC Schedules Public Hearings on Con Edison Proposal for New Electric Substation and Electric Transmission Lines In Westchester County

Albany, NY – 11/6/02 – The New York State Public Service Commission has scheduled two public statement hearings on November 19 to receive comments on Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.'s (Con Edison) proposal to construct a new electric substation and two new 138-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines to the substation in Westchester County.

According to Con Edison's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, the proposed new substation would be constructed in the Town of Mount Pleasant. The proposed new electric transmission lines to the proposed substation, totaling approximately four miles, would be constructed underground in the Towns of Greenburgh and Mount Pleasant. The two lines, to be known as the Northern Line and the Southern Line, would be buried within existing roadway and electric transmission line rights-of-way and within easements to be obtained from Westchester County.

The hearings at which members of the public can comment on Con Edison's proposal to build a new substation and two new electric transmission lines will be held as follows:

Tuesday, November 19, 2002
1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Mount Pleasant Town Court Room
Main Floor
One Town Hall Plaza
Valhalla, NY

Each hearing will remain open for at least one hour and continue until all persons wishing to speak are heard or other reasonable arrangements are made. Speakers will be called after completing a card requesting time to speak at the hearing. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak. All comments, oral and written, will be considered in the Commission's review and will help guide the Commission in its decision-making process. The Commission may adopt or reject Con Edison's proposals or approve alternate proposals or solutions.

TDD users may request that a sign language interpreter be present. To make a request, please call the 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. All requests should be made as soon as possible.

Other Ways To Share Views

Persons not wishing to speak at the public statement hearings, or who are unable to attend the hearings, may comment on the proposal (in English or Spanish) by mailing their written statements to Janet Hand Deixler, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223. These letters should reference the "Con Edison Electric Substation and Transmission Lines Proposal" (Case 02-T-1162) and should be submitted as soon as possible.

Other alternatives for submitting comments for consideration by the Commission include:

Toll-free Opinion Line: Interested persons may call a special toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This phone line is set up to receive comments about the proceeding from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should press "1" for "electric and gas" to leave comments on the Con Edison proposals.

The Internet: Comments may be submitted via the "PSC Comment Form" in the "Consumer Assistance" file accessed through the homepage of the Commission's Website. Many libraries offer free Internet access. The Website address is <http://www.dps.state.ny.us> and comments are downloaded regularly.

The Proposed New Substation and Routes of the Two New Lines

Con Edison proposes to construct a new electric substation in the Town of Mount Pleasant, to be called the Grasslands Substation. The site is on approximately three-acres of property to be purchased from Westchester County located adjacent to and south of the Westchester County Correctional Facility on the north side of Grasslands Road, approximately 1,000 feet west of the Sprain Brook Parkway.

The proposed route of the new Northern Line would begin at the intersection of Con Edison's property and Old Saw Mill River Road in the Town of Greenburgh. From there, the line would cross Old Saw Mill River Road and continue through the Con Edison Eastview Service Center property within an existing right-of-way. The route would follow the existing right-of-way for approximately 3,200 feet to Route 9A. The route then would bend east, cross Route 9A and continue south along the outer shoulder of the Route 9A northbound lanes for a distance of approximately 2,100 feet. At that point, the route would turn east and follow Dana Road for approximately 2,000 feet to its end. The route then would continue east for approximately 1,100 feet traveling south of New York Medical College along easements to be obtained by Con Edison from Westchester County. At the Westchester County Correctional Facility, the line would turn south, traveling on Correctional Facility property for a distance of approximately 2,500 feet along easements to be obtained from Westchester County to the proposed new Grasslands Substation in the Town of Mount Pleasant.

The proposed route of the new Southern line to the new substation would begin at the intersection of Con Edison's property and Old Saw Mill River Road in the Town of Greenburgh. From there, the line would proceed east along Old Saw Mill River Road, across the Saw Mill River to the crossing of Route 9A, a distance of approximately 3,200 feet. After crossing Route 9A, the route would continue east along Grasslands Road (Route 100C) for a distance of approximately 3,500 feet to the proposed site for the new Grasslands Substation in the Town of Mount Pleasant.

Proposed Alternate Routes

Two possible alternate routes for the Northern Line and one possible alternate route to the Southern Line are set forth in the company's application.

The first Northern Line alternate route would begin at Dana Road in the Town of Greenburgh and turn south following a partially undeveloped road right-of-way located east of the Westchester County fire training facility. It would then continue south along the right-of-

way to Bee Line Boulevard, and continue south to Grasslands Road, where it would join the route of the Southern Line and continue east to the proposed Grasslands Substation in the Town of Mount Pleasant.

The second Northern Line alternate route also would begin at Dana Road in the Town of Greenburgh and turn south along an abandoned right-of-way for Hammond House Road. It would proceed south along the gravel right-of-way to Grasslands Road, where it would join the route of the Southern Line and continue east to the proposed Grasslands Substation in the Town of Mount Pleasant.

The Southern Line alternate route would extend east from Con Edison property in the Town of Greenburgh and cross the Saw Mill River and associated floodplain to the southern access drive for the Landmark at Eastview office complex. It would continue east and north along the Landmark complex access drive and connect with Saw Mill River Road west of Route 9A. From that point, the alternate would extend east to the proposed Grasslands Substation in the Town of Mount Pleasant along the proposed route of the Southern Line.

Copies of Con Edison's proposals for a new electric substation and two new electric transmission lines are available for public examination at the Public Service Commission's File Room, 14th Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, and in its 8th Floor File Room, One Penn Plaza, Manhattan, New York. Visitors making a request to view the proposals at either File Room should cite Case 02-T-1162. A copy of Con Edison's proposals can also be viewed at the following local libraries:

Town of Mount Pleasant Branch Library
125 Lozza Drive
Valhalla, NY

Mount Pleasant Public Library
350 Bedford Road
Pleasantville, NY

Town of Greenburgh Public Library
300 Tarrytown Road
Elmsford, NY

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