STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 09-G-0380 -   In the Matter of a Natural Gas Explosion at 80-50 260th Street, Queens, New York on April 24, 2009, Within the Natural Gas Service Territory of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

NOTICE ESTABLISHING PUBLIC PROCESS

(Issued May 13, 2009)

On April 24, 2009, a natural gas explosion occurred at 80-50 260th Street in Queens, New York. One individual died and several others sustained injuries. The Commission has initiated a proceeding to investigate this matter. In this Notice, we set forth the process that will be followed to conduct the investigation and provide an opportunity for interested persons to participate in the proceeding and comment on the issues raised by this event.

Pursuant to Public Service Commission rules (16 NYCRR §255.801, Report of Accidents), Con Edison is required to submit its initial report on the incident within 30 days after its occurrence. Copies of that report will be made available on the Department of Public Service Web site (www.dps.state.ny.us) under the case number and title provided above. The report will include a detailed description of the incident, Con Edison's response, and results and findings of Con Edison's investigation. After the Department Staff reviews the Con Edison report and completes its own investigation, the Department will submit a separate report and make it available to the public on its Web site. Once these reports are available, an administrative law judge will convene a Public Statement Hearing to, among other things, take oral and written public comments or statements on Con Edison's reports, the Department Staff's report, and any other matters relating to this case. After evaluating the reports, public comments and input to the Secretary to the Commission, and Department Staff's recommendations, the Commission will make any further determinations required for the disposition of issues which may be associated with this matter.

(SIGNED)   JACLYN A. BRILLING
                                              Secretary