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Ms. Alice Miller
Chief Utility Rates Analyst
Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

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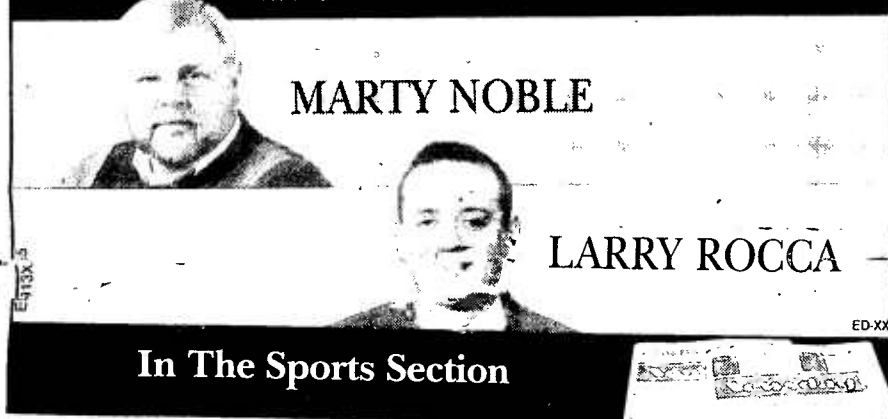
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STATE OF NEW YORK PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Notice of Educational Forums and Public Statement Hearings on Consolidated Edison's July 1999 Washington Heights and Related Problems in Westchester and Queens

The New York State Public Service Commission will hold four additional educational forums and public statement hearings concerning Con Edison's (or the company's) early July 1999 electric power outage and other related network service problems. The educational forums and public statement hearings will be attended by Commissioners Thomas J. Dunleavy and James D. Bennett and are scheduled as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Educational Forum</u>	<u>Public Statement Hearing</u>
Queens Borough Hall 120-55 Queens Boulevard (at corner with Union Turnpike) Kew Gardens	Tuesday, October 12, 1999	11:30 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
Will Library 1500 Central Park Avenue (between Palmer Road and Tuckahoe Road) Yonkers	Wednesday, October 13, 1999	12:00 p.m.	1:15 p.m. (will not continue later than 4:00 p.m.)
White Plains Public Library 100 Martine Avenue (between Lexington Avenue and Grove Street) White Plains	Wednesday, October 13, 1999	6:30 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
Mamaroneck Town Center Court Room 740 West Boston Post Road (Near Rockland Avenue) Mamaroneck	Thursday, October 14, 1999	6:30 p.m.	7:45 p.m.

At each educational forum, Department of Public Service Staff (Staff) will summarize the purpose and scope of the work being done as part of the ongoing investigation of these service interruptions. Staff personnel will be available to answer questions during each educational forum.

Following each forum, interested members of the public will be given an opportunity to make comments at a hearing before Commissioners Dunleavy and Bennett and Administrative Law Judge Gerald L. Lynch concerning these electric service interruptions. A verbatim transcript will be prepared.

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at the public statement hearings. Speakers will be called after completing a card requesting time to speak. Each public statement hearing will remain open for at least one hour and will continue until all persons wishing to comment have been heard, or other reasonable arrangements are made. (An exception is the Yonkers hearing which will end within one hour if all speakers have been heard, but will not continue in any event past 4:00 p.m.) Because it is possible many people will want to speak, it may not be possible to entertain multiple comments from the same individuals at different hearings.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should contact the Compliance Officer at (518) 473-8869 (or, for a sign language interpreter, call (212) 290-4292) on or before October 7, 1999.

Persons not wishing to speak at a hearing may submit written comments by mailing them to Debra Renner, Acting Secretary, at the offices of the Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. The letters should reference Case 99-E-0930 and should be submitted as soon as possible, and not later than October 15, 1999. You are also able to express your opinion by accessing the PSC's Website, located at <http://www.dps.state.ny.us> and filling out the electronic comment form located within the site's "Consumer Comment Forum." Access to the internet is currently available at many state and local libraries. You may also contact the PSC's toll-free Opinion Line (1-800-335-2120) to voice your opinion. All comments will be considered by the Commission.

Persons who choose to comment are encouraged to respond to one or more of the following questions:

1. How, exactly, were you affected by the service interruptions?
2. Do you think you received timely, accurate, and adequate communications from the company or otherwise about what was happening before, during, or after the service interruptions?
3. Did you attempt to contact the company for information or assistance immediately before, during, or after the outage, and did you get what you were requesting?
4. What are your overall impressions about how the company responded under all of the circumstances related to the interruptions and your reasons for those impressions?
5. What are your recommendations about actions you believe the company should or should not have taken before, during, and after the service interruptions?
6. What actions do you recommend the Commission take in light of all that you know about these events?

At a later date, if warranted, the Commission may conduct other hearings. Any further hearings would be the subject of a separate notice.

A report on the investigation and all information gathered at the forums and hearings or otherwise will be provided to the Commission for consideration in determining whether improvements in Con Edison's operating, maintenance, and public communication practices are needed to ensure safe and reliable service and whether any further actions are necessary.

For additional information you can contact the Public Service Commission. The toll-free number is 1-800-335-2120. All calls to the listed numbers should be made on weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

This matter is being heard in Case 99-E-0930 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Investigate the July 6, 1999 Power Outage to Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.'s Washington Heights Network.

Debra Renner, Acting Secretary