

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 06-E-0894 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Investigate the Electric Power Outages in Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.'s Long Island City Electric Network.

NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS  
AND EDUCATIONAL FORUMS ON CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY  
OF NEW YORK, INC.'S  
JULY 2006 OUTAGES IN LONG ISLAND CITY NETWORK

(Issued October 6, 2006)

The Public Service Commission instituted this proceeding to investigate the events and issues associated with power outages in Consolidated Edison of New York, Inc.'s (Con Edison) Long Island City electric network that began on July 17, 2006.<sup>1</sup> In addition the Commission has instituted a separate proceeding to conduct an independent audit of Consolidated Edison's system-wide operations, practices, and procedures as they relate to emergency planning, response to outages, and restoration of service.<sup>2</sup>

Public Statement Hearings in this proceeding were held at various Queens locations in August 2006. Now the Commission welcomes additional input from members of the public who were affected by these Long Island City outages and from other interested parties. Commission Staff will also provide information about the ongoing outage investigation at education forums held one hour before each public statement hearing. The

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<sup>1</sup> Case 06-E-0894, *Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Investigate the Electric Power Outages in Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.'s Long Island City Electric Network*, Order Instituting Proceeding and Directing Staff Investigation (issued July 26, 2006).

<sup>2</sup> Case 06-M-1078 - *Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Audit the Performance of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. in Response to Outage Emergencies*, Order Instituting Proceeding and Directing Audit (issued September 8, 2006).

Public Statement Hearings will be held before Administrative Law Judge Eleanor Stein, who is presiding over this proceeding, and will be on a stenographic record. Public Service Commissioners may also attend.

At each education forum, Department of Public Service Staff will conduct a one-hour session for consumers to informally discuss the Commission Staff's investigation. The Educational Forums will include a presentation by staff on the Commission's recent actions regarding the Con Edison Long Island City power outages, and Staff will summarize the scope of its investigation to date. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

Promptly following each educational forum, consumers will have an opportunity to make comments before an Administrative Law Judge at a public statement hearing. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak. Speakers will be called in the order in which they sign up at the door, on a first-come, first-served basis. Everyone wishing to comment will be heard or other acceptable arrangements will be made. A court reporter will transcribe all public statements. The transcripts, as well as a summary of the public comments, will be included in the Commission's formal record.

In particular, the Commission is interested in comments from customers that address the following questions:

- How were you affected by the outages?
- Do you think you received timely, accurate and adequate communications from Con Edison or otherwise about what was happening before, during and after the outages?
- Did you attempt to contact the company for information or assistance immediate before, during or after the outages, and did you get what you were requesting?
- What are your overall impressions about how Con Edison responded under all of the circumstances related to the outages and your reasons for those impressions?

- What are your recommendations about actions you believe Con Edison should or should not have taken before, during and after the outages?
- What actions do you recommend the Commission take in light of all that you know about these events?

The times and locations of the educational forums and public statement hearings are as follows:

Wednesday, October 25, 2006  
Afternoon Education Forum 1:00-2:00 pm  
Afternoon Public Statement Hearing 2:00-3:00 pm  
Evening Education Forum 7:00-8:00 pm  
Evening Public Statement Hearing 8:00-9:00 pm  
The Hellenic Center  
22-51 29th Street  
Astoria, New York 11105

Thursday, November 2, 2006  
Afternoon Education Forum 4:00-5:00 pm  
Afternoon Public Statement Hearing 5:00-6:00 pm  
Evening Education Forum 7:00-8:00 pm  
Evening Public Statement Hearing 8:00-9:00 pm  
P.S. 11  
54-25 Skillman Avenue  
Woodside, New York 11377

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at the public statement hearing. Speakers will be called after completing a card requesting time to speak. The hearing will remain open for at least one hour and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements are made. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the official record of this proceeding.

Translators will be available to translate public statements in Spanish.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should contact the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518)474-2520 as soon as possible.

Other Ways to Comment

**Writing:** Those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing may also comment by writing to Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Such comments should refer to "Case 06-E-0894 Investigation of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. Long Island City network outage".

**Toll-Free Opinion Line:** You may call the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending case from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should select English or Spanish and press "1" to leave comments.

**Internet:** Comments may also be made via the PSC Comment Form in the "Contact Us" file accessed through the home page of the Commission's Consumer Web site. The Web site address is <http://www.AskPSC.com> and comments are downloaded regularly. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

All comments submitted via one of these alternative means should be submitted or mailed as soon as possible and postmarked no later than December 12, 2006. Comments should reference Case 06-E-0894 - Con Edison Long Island City outage investigation. All statements and comments received will be considered by Department Staff and the auditors in their investigations and will become part of the record, made available for inspection in the Commission's file room.

This matter is being heard in Case 06-E-0894-  
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