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Via Electronic Mail

Ms. Jessica Vigars
Records Access Officer
New York State
Department of Public Service
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Re: Case 17-G-0454 – Annual Reconciliation of Gas Costs --
Request for Confidential Information Protection

Dear Ms. Vigars:

Pursuant to Section 6-1.3 of the Commission's regulations (16 NYCRR § 6-1.3), Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. and Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (jointly "the Companies") request confidential commercial information status for certain of the Companies' gas supply purchase data for the month of December 2016 transmitted herewith and marked "CONFIDENTIAL". Commission Staff recently requested that the Companies supply it with December 2016 purchase data in connection with Staff's review of the Companies' gas costs for the annual reconciliation period ending August 31, 2017. The requested gas purchase information is contained in the attached December 2016 Files. The following Tabs in the December 2016 Files have been marked "CONFIDENTIAL": Gas Accrual Sheet, Report 301, Accounts Payable Audit, Report 404 Storage, 306T, Final Plant Invoices, Invoices, and Divested Plants Booked.

Protection from disclosure for the designated commercially-sensitive information -- which identifies by name the parties from whom the Companies purchase their natural gas supplies and gas storage services, the quantities purchased, and the dollar amounts paid by the Companies to their natural gas suppliers and service providers -- is appropriate because its disclosure could cause substantial injury to the Companies' competitive position by impairing the Companies' position in any future negotiations with such gas suppliers and service providers. Any such impairment could result in less than the best possible offers being tendered to the Companies for such gas supplies and services; and the Companies' ratepayers would ultimately bear the burden of any resulting higher prices.

Accordingly, the Companies request that the attached designated data be disclosed only to directly interested members of the Staff and be accorded confidential information status and protected from public disclosure under the Commission's rules.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed material, please call Jeffrey Kirson (212-460-2222) at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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