

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

May 19, 2010

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS
AND INVITING PUBLIC COMMENTS
CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC. - STEAM RATES
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AND NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS
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CASES 09-S-0029, 09-S-0794, 09-G-0795

The New York State Public Service Commission will hold public statement hearings and otherwise seeks public comments on cases concerning applications by Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.: (1) to increase its annual steam service revenues by approximately \$128.8 million (18.2% on total revenues); and (2) to increase its annual gas delivery service revenues by approximately \$160.76 million (8.4% on total revenues).

The Commission has suspended the proposed new rates for steam and gas service through October 4, 2010, but the Company has requested that the new rates become effective October 1, 2010. In each case, several active parties have filed testimony opposing various aspects of the Company's applications and the Company has responded to the opposing testimony and updated its requests. Later, on May 18, 2010, most of the parties in each case filed comprehensive Joint Proposals setting forth how they believe the Commission should resolve all the issues.

The Joint Proposal in the steam rate case calls for a three-year rate plan with levelized annual increases of \$49.5 million per year (7.01%, 6.52%, and 6.09% on total revenues in

Rate Years 1 through 3, respectively). The Joint Proposal in the steam rate case also proposes to resolve an issue concerning the allocation of costs of the East River Repowering Project (ERRP) between the Company's electric and steam systems. The issue was most recently under consideration in Case 09-S-0029, the steam planning case, but was later consolidated for decision in the steam rate case. The Joint Proposal recommends reallocating \$7.5 million per year in ERRP fuel costs from the electric system to the steam system beginning in Rate Year 2 and continuing in Rate Year 3 and beyond, until changed by the Commission. The County of Westchester opposes the Joint Proposal in the steam rate case.

The Joint Proposal in the gas rate case supports a three-year rate plan with annual increases of \$47.1 million (2.4% on total bills, or 6.1% on delivery only), \$47.9 million (2.3% on total bills, or 5.8% on delivery only), and \$46.7 million (2.2% on total bills, or 5.3% on delivery only) in Rate Years 1 through 3, respectively. The New York State Consumer Protection Board opposes the Joint Proposal in the gas rate case.

The Commission may adopt the terms of the Joint Proposals in whole or in part, adopt alternative terms, or adopt terms concerning matters not addressed in the Joint Proposals.

PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS

The public statement hearings will be held:

<u>Yonkers</u>	Tuesday, June 8, 2010
	1:30 p.m.
	Grinton I. Will Library
	1500 Central Park Avenue
	Yonkers, New York

Manhattan

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

7:00 p.m.

City University of New York

The Graduate Center, Proshansky Auditorium

C Level (elevator one level down from lobby)

365 5th Avenue (between 34th & 35th Street)

New York, New York 10016

It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at a public statement hearing. Speakers will be called after completing a request card. All comments at the hearing will become part of the Commission's formal record for the case to which they pertain. Each hearing session will remain open for at least one hour and, if necessary to accommodate persons wishing to speak, will continue for no more than one additional hour.

Disabled persons desiring special accommodations may place a collect call to the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at 1 (518) 474-2520 and should do so as soon as possible.

OTHER WAYS TO COMMENT

Writing: Those who cannot attend or who prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing may comment by writing to Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350. If concerned with the steam rate case, your comments should refer to "Case 09-S-0794 Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. - Steam Rates." If concerned with the gas rates case, your comments should refer to "Case 09-G-0795 Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. - Gas Rates."

Toll-free opinion line: You may also submit comments through the Commission's Opinion Line at 1 (800) 335-2120. This number is designed to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers 24 hours a day. Callers should select English or

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Spanish and press 1 to leave comments. In your comments, refer to the steam rate case or the gas rate case as explained above.

Internet: You may also submit comments through the "PSC Comment Form" in the "Consumer Assistance" file available on the Commission's website at www.dps.state.ny.us or through the "Contact Us" link at www.AskPSC.com. (Many libraries offer free Internet access.) In your comments, refer to the steam rate case or the gas rate case as explained above.

All comments submitted by one of these alternative means are due as soon as possible, but must be received no later than August 2, 2010. All timely comments the Commission receives become part of the official case record, are posted on the Commission's website for public inspection, and will be summarized for the Commission for consideration in its deliberations. Persons interested in the Company's filings may view them, the Joint Proposals, and summaries of the Joint Proposals at the Commission's offices, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY, or on the Commission's website (www.dps.state.ny.us, click on "What's New;" then click on "Case 09-S-0794 Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. for Steam Service" or "Case 09-G-0795 Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. for Gas Service," depending on your interest). Hard copies of the Joint Proposals and summaries are available for public inspection at the following locations:

Manhattan

Con Edison Headquarters
4 Irving Place
New York, NY

Con Edison Office
116 East 124th Street
Harlem, NY

Queens

Con Edison Office
89-67 162nd Street
Jamaica, NY

Bronx

Con Edison Office
448 East Fordham Road
Bronx, NY

Westchester

Con Edison Office
One Pathmark Plaza
Mount Vernon, NY

Grinton I. Will Library
1500 Central Park Avenue
Yonkers, NY

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that evidentiary hearings in Cases 09-S-0029, 09-S-0794, and 09-G-0795 will be held before Administrative Law Judges Howard A. Jack, Gerald L. Lynch, and Rudy Stegemoeller beginning on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. at the Commission's New York City offices at 90 Church Street, 4th Floor Board Room. The principal purposes of the hearings are to receive testimony and the Joint Proposals into the record and to examine the parties' testimony in the respective proceedings. The evidentiary hearings will continue at those offices on June 10 - 11, 2010, as may be necessary. An additional day for evidentiary hearings has been reserved on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at the Commission's Albany, NY, offices, Three Empire State Plaza, 3rd Floor Hearing Room, if needed.

Any person intending to attend the evidentiary hearings at the Commission's offices in New York City must provide his or her name to Jean Simmons, at (518) 474-4520 or via email to jean_simmons@dps.state.ny.us prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2010, and must be prepared to show valid photo identification upon arrival at 90 Church Street. These procedures are necessary to comply with building security requirements.

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Secretary