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Hon. Ben Wiles
Hon. Dakin Lecakes
Administrative Law Judges
NYS Department of Public Service Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Case 16-E-0060 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. for Electric Service.

Case 16-G-0061 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. for Gas Service.

CHIP's Statement in Support of the Joint Proposal

Dear Judges Wiles and Lecakes:

Pursuant to your Ruling on Schedule, issued September 28, 2016, in the above-referenced proceedings, please consider this letter as the Statement in Support of the Joint Proposal (“JP”) made by Funk & Zeifer, LLP on behalf of the Community Housing Improvement Program (“CHIP”).

CHIP is a trade association representing more than 2,500 apartment-building owners in New York City's five boroughs. Founded in 1966, CHIP has been a key player in New York State and City housing policy for over 40 years and has provided leadership in many diverse issues in areas such as property taxes, water rates, lead paint and rent regulation. These building owners include electric and gas customers of the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (“Company”) which have a significant interest in the above-referenced proceedings.

CHIP has been a participant in the above-referenced proceedings and also actively participated in the settlement negotiations that culminated in the JP. CHIP supports and is a signatory to the JP which covers three-year rate plans for the Company's electric and gas services from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

By this letter, CHIP respectfully requests that your Honors recommend to the Commission adoption of the JP in the above referenced proceedings as agreed to by the party signatories and filed with the Commission's Secretary on or about September 20, 2016. CHIP believes that the provisions of the JP are in the best interest of the public in general and of the signatories in light of the significant negotiated reductions from the amounts originally sought by the Company over the three-year Rate Plans as well as other provisions in the JP which reflect negotiated compromise.

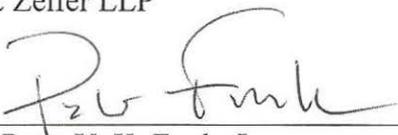
While CHIP has a broad interest in the JP, its particular focus in the settlement negotiations and in the JP includes the following:

1. The restoration of gas service to customers following a termination of service for safety reasons wherein the issue has been corrected. The JP provides for the Company to work with interested parties including customers to improve the process of restoration of gas service.
2. Seeing that the Company provides notifications to customers following any resetting of a volume corrector on the customer's gas meter where such resetting results in a back-billing. In such instances, the JP provides that Company will notify the customer of such re-setting and provide details of the same.
3. Seeing that the Company works with landlord customers to address their concerns regarding arrearages in tenant accounts that have been applied to landlord accounts. The JP provides that the Company is to initiate discussions with interested parties including customers to address such concerns.

Accordingly, Funk & Zeifer LLP on behalf of CHIP respectfully requests that your Honors recommend to the Commission that the Joint Proposal be adopted as filed.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Community Housing Improvement Program.

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