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4	PUBLI	C SERVICE COMMISSION
5	CASE 25-E-0072 - Pr	oceeding on Motion of the
6	Commission as to th	e rates, charges, rules and
7	regulations of Cons	olidated Edison Company of New
8	York, Inc., for Ele	ctric Service.
9	CASE 25-G-0073 - Pr	oceeding on Motion of the
10	Commission as to th	e rates, charges, rules and
11	regulations of Cons	olidated Edison Company of New
12	York, Inc., for Gas	Service.
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14	PUBL	IC STATEMENT HEARING
15	DATE:	JULY 10, 2025
16	LOCATION:	C.W. Mixon Center
17		112-50 Springfield Boulevard
18		Queens Village, New York 11429
19	BEFORE:	ALJ TARA KERSEY
20		ALJ DAKIN LECAKES
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3	(The hearing commenced at 6:04 p.m.)
4	ALJ KERSEY: I call cases 25-E-0072,
5	and case 25-G-0073, Proceedings on motions of the
6	Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules, and
7	Regulations of Consolidated Edison Company of New
8	York, Inc., for electric and gas service.
9	My name is Tara Kersey, and with me is
LO	Chief Administrative Judge, Dakin Lecakes. I, along
11	with Judges James Costello and Judges (sic) Nicholas
12	Planty, have been assigned for the Department of
13	Public Service to these rate cases. Chief
L 4	Administrative Judge Lecakes is with me today to
15	preside over this public statement hearing held on
16	behalf of the New York State Public Service
L7	Commission regarding the proposed changes in the
18	electric and gas delivery rates and practices of the
L 9	Con Edison Company.
20	Before we begin, we would like to say
21	thank you to New York State Senator Comrie's office
22	for helping arrange the location for tonight's
23	hearing.
24	Con Edison filed amendments to its
25	electric and gas tariff schedules on January 31st

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3	2025, proposing to increase the annual electric and
4	gas delivery revenues for the twelve-month period
5	ending December 31st, 2026. As of its April 10th,
6	2025 updated testimony, Con Edison proposes to
7	increase its electric delivery revenues by
8	approximately 1.6 billion dollars and its annual
9	its natural gas delivery revenues by approximately
10	349 million dollars. The actual bill impacts of
11	these proposed changes on any particular customer
12	class will vary based upon revenue allocation and
13	rate design.
14	Under New York State Law, the Public
15	Service Commission must consider the Utility's
16	proposals and may adopt or reject them in whole, or
17	in part, or modify it. At this time, the Commission
18	must decide these cases by December 30th, 2025.
19	However, this date may be subject to further
20	extension.
21	Regardless of how these cases proceed,
22	the Public Service Commission will make the final
23	decision regarding the Company's terms and conditions
24	for providing electric and gas service. This hearing
25	is being held so that you can provide your comments

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3	on Con Edison's proposals for the Commission's
4	consideration.
5	In making its decision, the Commission
6	will consider the evidentiary record in these cases
7	and the comments made at this hearing.
8	The Public Service Commission has
9	seven members the chairperson, Rory Christian, and
10	six commissioners, James Alesi, David Valesky, John
11	Maggiore, Uchenna Bright, Denise Sheehan, and Radina
12	Valova.
13	Statements that you make today will
14	become part of the record. The court reporter here
15	will prepare a transcript of the hearing, which will
16	be included in the record of these proceedings, so
17	that your comments can be considered by all members
18	of the Commission. When it is ready, the transcript
19	will be available for public view on the Department
20	of Public Service's website.
21	Today's hearing is not a question-and-
22	answer session; we are here only to listen to your
23	comments. However, if you do have any questions or
24	concerns related to your particular bills, Con Edison
25	has staff, and they have materials here. They have

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3	provided a dedicated phone number and email for
4	customers to get information and to speak directly
5	with, regard to customer service and billing
6	complaints. You can obtain those materials. They're
7	on that table right there.
8	We have members of our Consumer
9	Service's staff for the Department of Public Service.
10	They're here as well, and they can assist you with
11	questions or complaints regarding your utility
12	service.
13	If you do not wish to speak at today's
14	hearing, but you would like your views included in
15	the record, there are other ways to comment. You can
16	submit comments on the Department's website by
17	regular mail or by phone. Information regarding
18	these other methods are available from the
19	Department's Office of Consumer Services staff, who
20	are seated right here.
21	Regardless of how the comments are
22	submitted, whether you state them here or by the
23	other the other means that I just mentioned, all
24	comments are given equal consideration. According to
25	the Secretary's notice for this event, comments must

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3	be received by November 21st, 2025, to ensure that
4	the Commission is able to consider them prior to
5	their final decision.
6	If you would like to make a statement
7	here tonight and you have not done so already, again,
8	please fill out a registration card. The cards are
9	available with our outreach staff right here. I'm
10	going to call speakers up one by one, using the cards
11	that have been filled out, in the order in which they
12	were received. Please speak slowly and clearly so
13	that the court reporter can accurately capture your
14	statement for the record. Please be respectful when
15	delivering your comments. Finally, I'd ask that
16	everyone silence their phones.
17	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me. I
18	don't know if I'm allowed to if I am allowed to
19	ask a question? Can I ask a question?
20	ALJ KERSEY: You can ask a question
21	right now, but it's not really a forum for questions
22	and answers. Go ahead.
23	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible)
24	Senate representative for Con Edison?

ALJ KERSEY: Con Edison has customer

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3	service folks that are here. But this is not we
4	are not here to we are not here as an information
5	session. This isn't an information session.
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So in other
7	words, (indiscernible) here, I want to know why
8	they're arranging why they're quoting an increase.
9	ALJ KERSEY: You're here
10	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible)
11	of the increase, so what is what is
12	ALJ KERSEY: You're here to discuss
13	that information is on the Department of Public
14	Service's website, all of the information concerning
15	that. So this is for you to
16	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
17	(Indiscernible).
18	ALJ KERSEY: this is for you to
19	make your comments heard about the proposal that's in
20	front of us. So if you'd like to say something about
21	the proposal, please fill out a card and come on up
22	here and make your comment on the record. We'd be
23	happy to hear from you. That's why we're here.
24	PETER: I hope those are anonymous.
25	ALJ KERSEY: So our first speaker

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3	PETER: And I hope I hope if I
4	say something, that it's somewhat anonymous. You
5	have my name
6	ALJ KERSEY: Typically, we put these
7	on the record because you're making a public comment.
8	So I would now say what your name is and say that
9	you're able to come up here and speak.
10	PETER: I noticed that the names are
11	(indiscernible)
12	ALJ KERSEY: Do you want me to just
13	say your first name?
14	PETER: Yes.
15	ALJ KERSEY: Would you like me
16	okay. Absolutely.
17	PETER: I would like that.
18	ALJ KERSEY: Okay. No problem. So
19	our first speaker is Peter.
20	PETER: Okay. Thank you.
21	ALJ KERSEY: Okay?
22	PETER: Thank you.
23	ALJ KERSEY: Sure. Now, if you don't
24	mind, just so the court reporter can get it down.
25	Okay. Thank you.

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3	PETER: Hello. I can't tell you how
4	worked up I am to have the opportunity to speak to
5	Con Edison in person. In past years, I've sought out
6	these hearings, but they've often been in very
7	inconvenient places, Upstate, et cetera. I only
8	found out about these hearings today yesterday,
9	actually, on a New York-run television station. I
10	noticed that there's nothing about the hearings on
11	the ConEd.com website, or at least it is very
12	difficult to find.
13	I'm here because I'm frustrated,
14	particularly in the winter, by bills exceeding 750
15	dollars for a single family home that I'm not even in
16	half the time. I noticed that the supply charges are
17	only half of the cost. The rest of it is for
18	delivery, 300 or 400 dollars a month, even when my
19	system is working perfectly.
20	My home does not require any special
21	attention, but the money is collected every month for
22	me, and a similar percentage from others like me,
23	this excessive amount. I'm a senior citizen and
24	there are a lot of other senior citizens in worse
25	positions than I am. How many times has a neighbor,

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3	or somebody I know, turned to me, when we see work
4	being done on our street by Con Ed, and there's one
5	Con Ed worker in a hole, and there are five others
6	standing around at the rim of that hole talking to
7	each other.
8	Although the CEO, I'm sure, is being
9	paid a ridiculously exorbitant amount and probably
10	will be getting paid more, I think that the average
11	worker is probably overpaid as well.
12	Is anybody holding Con Ed to account?
13	It feels like a renegade company able to do whatever
14	it wants. Are they not our employees? What are
15	they? Are they public or are they private? If
16	there's a public aspect, then they are our employees
17	Are any of our lawmakers digging deep into the cost
18	numbers that Con Ed shares, the confusing numbers
19	that nobody understands?
20	And now, more money is wanted for
21	infrastructure and of supposed changes to greener
22	energy, or something like that. I feel that the
23	increases that Con Ed asked for are unwarranted.
24	They shouldn't get any kind of increase. The prices
25	are too high, high enough, if not too high. I fear

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3	that these hearings are shams to convince the
4	gullible people out there that Con Ed cares, when
5	actually this hearing is about just going through the
6	motions. Ask for a ridiculously high increase and
7	then when Con Ed accepts less than that, they look
8	like they're being reasonable. Isn't that the way it
9	works? Con Ed, prove me wrong.
10	ALJ KERSEY: Thank you for your
11	comments. Thank you.
12	Our next speaker is Sherwyn James.
13	MR. JAMES: Good evening, members of
14	the Public Service Commission and thank you for
15	allowing me the opportunity to address the issue of
16	the proposed rate increase.
17	My name is Sherwyn James, and like
18	many of my neighbors and residents of the city and
19	state, I join my voice in opposition to any rate
20	increase. The mere idea that Con Edison would
21	suggest a rate increase of eleven percent for
22	electric and thirteen percent for natural gas is
23	beyond comprehension.
24	Like my family, there are many
25	families who are simply doing what they can to make

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3	ends meet. Many of us are already experiencing
4	significant increases in our electric and gas bills,
5	simply due to the cost increase because of unusual
6	weather patterns that we've been experiencing
7	throughout the year, specifically hotter summers and
8	colder winters. There are many families which are
9	working two and sometimes three jobs, simply to keep
10	up with all of the bills that they're now faced with.
11	The reality is that while Con Edison
12	is calling for an eleven percent rate hike, few, if
13	any of us, have the luxury of having our salaries
14	increased by eleven percent. I would further suggest
15	to you that in many instances, were it not for
16	balanced billing, many households would simply be in
17	significant arrears or would have received shutoff
18	notices on their utility bills.
19	Con Edison provides service to over
20	3.6 million customers, and gas service to
21	approximately 1.1 million customers in New York City
22	and Westchester. In addition to paying for the
23	delivery of gas and electric service, we also pay for
24	the actual amount of gas and electric used, both of
25	which has continued to increase at a rate beyond the

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In addition to paying these increases, along with them are increases in the amount of taxes being paid to New York State, New York City, an MTA surcharge, and other surcharges. I do not simply blame the PSC for the financial pain being inflicted upon many families throughout our city and state. I also hold our elected officials complicit and responsible for this crisis.

The truth is that the governor and the State, and City-elected officials are ultimately — ultimately responsible for imposing these taxes and fees, and they have never seen a fee or a tax that they did not like. I would, for once, like to see them roll back or eliminate a tax or a fee. But of course, that's wishful thinking. While I encourage the PSC to reject any rate increase, I also encourage my fellow residents to join me in going to the polls in 2025 and 2026 and use their voice to — use their vote to voice their displeasure.

Let's stop continuing to vote for the same old elected officials over and over again, and instead vote them out and replace them with people

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3	who feel and understand the pain being experienced by
4	many of our families.
5	Thank you for the opportunity to
6	address this body on this matter.
7	ALJ KERSEY: Thank you.
8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.
9	ALJ KERSEY: Thank you so much for
10	your comments.
11	Is there anyone else that would like
12	to speak tonight? We're going to hold the hearing
13	open. If you decide that you would like to, just
14	fill out a card up here, and we will reopen it
15	immediately to hear your comments so they can go on
16	the record. We are going to hold this open until
17	6:45, at present. So we're going to go off the
18	record. But if I get any cards right now, we'll
19	reopen up, and we'll hear whatever you have to say.
20	Okay. We are off the record.
21	(Off the record)
22	(On the record)
23	ALJ KERSEY: Okay. Just give us one
24	second, folks.

And yes, if you would just like to

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3	speak up at the podium in the mic. Jacqueline Dolly.
4	MS. DOLLY: Jacqueline Dolly.
5	ALJ KERSEY: Thank you.
6	MS. DOLLY: As per my understanding,
7	Con Ed is proposing double-digit hikes in the
8	electricity fee. Now, we already went through the
9	shift from analog to digital smart meters, where we
10	were essentially forced to put in smart meters with
11	the threat that we would be charged at least 100
12	dollars more per month just for us to write down the
13	reading ourselves and send it in we would be
14	charged 100 dollars more. And so we were forced to
15	put in the digital smart meters.
16	When my digital smart meter was
17	installed, I noticed that my electricity bill
18	doubled. I am now paying I have never I can't
19	even explain how, I'm getting sometimes close to 500
20	dollars-plus per-month bills. There's a senior in my
21	home, where I need to regulate cold air in the
22	summer, and we all know we're going through global
23	warming, and how bad that is for people who are
24	elderly and senior. And we have very long winters,
25	some of the coldest winters on record lately.

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3	So I want to know, with inflation,
4	with wages being stagnant, with people being laid
5	off, with being squeezed for health care some
6	people will no longer get the coverage that they
7	had with property taxes increasing and actually
8	the property taxes in the area that I live in,
9	Cambria Heights, is actually higher than what it
10	should be when you look at comparable neighborhoods.
11	So I'm wondering, with all of this
12	converging on us at the same time, how are we
13	supposed to endure a double-digit hike in electrical
14	prices. So what we're actually going to see, we're
15	going to see more deaths in the winter as well as the
16	summer. You're going to see deaths of people who are
17	dying from heat stroke, overheating, because they're
18	afraid to put on the air conditioning. You're going
19	to see deaths in the winter through people freezing
20	to death because they are afraid to put on their
21	heating. This is the reality.
22	And this is it doesn't matter
23	whether you are working or not. I think we're all
24	enduring the same pressures, economic pressures. And
25	I feel that with things have been ratcheted up on us,

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3	and we have no say in the matter. We are being
4	disempowered in an environment where we're told that
5	we have a say, in an environment where we're told
6	that people listen to the community voice, our
7	reality, our experience is that this does not happen,
8	and that our realities and our testimonials are not
9	taken seriously, and that death has become acceptable
10	as long as people are making a profit. This is what
11	we're experiencing.
12	So yes, you can go ahead and approve
13	the double-digit hike in prices, but know that blood
14	will be on the hands of all of the people who approve
15	that, because it will happen. It is happening. And
16	so for us, this is more than economics. This is life
17	and death for many people in the communities that we
18	live in. It's a life and death decision. And I
19	think we all feel that no one is listening to us.

And so the anger and the frustration that you are hearing from everyone here, these are real emotions from people whose families and communities are suffering. They are seeing it. They're experiencing it. This is real for us. So when I rush here after a day's work, struggling to

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3	get here so that I can make my voice heard is because
4	it is life and death to me. I recognize that for my
5	community and the people around me; I recognize it.
6	And so all of these efforts for Con
7	Ed, and we experienced it in multiple ways of these
8	decisions being made, and us being shut out, meetings
9	being held during times where they know the community
10	is not available to participate. We cannot choose to
11	take time off work when we're under economic
12	pressure. When people are being laid off, we can't
13	choose to come at any time.
14	And so when these things are not being
15	considered so that we can actually make our voices
16	heard, we show up angry, and frustrated. And yeah,
17	we can yell at you because you're the only people in
18	front of us. You're the face of this to us. Con Ed
19	isn't here, so you're the proxy for them. They
20	should be here. They should be here.
21	And so we cannot continue to just say,
22	you know, it's our elected officials. Yes, it is our
23	elected officials, but I think it's very clear to
24	everyone in our communities, in New York State, in
25	the country, that our elected officials are not

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3	always serving us.
4	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's true.
5	MS. DOLLY: They serve the people who
6	fund them.
7	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.
8	MS. DOLLY: Who is funding us? Who is
9	looking out for us? We're the majority, but no one
L 0	is listening. And so this is why we're frustrated.
11	This is why we're here. And I can guarantee if more
12	people knew about this, this place would be packed.
13	You wouldn't be able to fit them in here. No one
L 4	wants another hike in a vital resource, energy. You
15	might as well cut off our air and our water. You
16	might as well do that, because that is what it is.
L 7	These are vital resources. We cannot do without
18	heat, without cool in the summer. We can't do
L 9	without these things. So this is not a game for us.
20	This is real.
21	ALJ KERSEY: Thank you. Thank you for
22	your comments.
23	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's on the
24	record, yes.

25 ALJ KERSEY: Our next speaker is

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3	Claudia Gray.
4	MR. GRAY: Hello, everybody.
5	IN UNISON: Hello.
6	MR. GRAY: How are you doing? I am
7	late, so I don't have the privilege or the advantage
8	to know who are sitting at the table, but I think I'm
9	being told you're not Con Ed.
10	ALJ KERSEY: I am an administrative
11	law judge with the Public Service Commission. My
12	name is Tara Kersey. This is our chief
13	administrative law judge at the Public Service
14	Commission, Dakin Lecakes. And this is our court
15	reporter who is taking all of the comments down for
16	the record.
17	MR. GRAY: So are you representing us,
18	or you are a neutral body?
19	ALJ KERSEY: The Public Service
20	Commission is the decision maker when it comes to the
21	Con Ed's rate proposals, the ultimate decision maker.
22	MR. GRAY: So you are representing us?
23	ALJ KERSEY: We represent the Public
24	Service Commission.

MR. GRAY: The people, the residents?

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3	(Cross-talk)
4	MR. GRAY: I'm not clear.
5	ALJ KERSEY: We represent we
6	represent a state agency that represents the
7	Governor's Office.
8	MR. GRAY: So the answer is, no,
9	you're not representing us?
10	ALJ KERSEY: You're representing you
11	here tonight.
12	MR. GRAY: Okay. I'm not
13	clear, but it's not important at this moment.
14	Good afternoon. Thanks for the
15	opportunity to provide feedback on Con Ed's proposed
16	price increase, which we, from the 210 Street Block
17	Association. object to. It's simple, not affordable
18	Con Ed's Annual Reports brags: Con
19	Ed, Inc. is one of the nation's largest investor-
20	owned energy delivery company with approximately 15
21	billion in annual revenues, 15 billion in annual
22	revenues. The Company's revenue for the for the
23	twelve months ended March 31st, 2005, was over 15
24	billion dollars, up by over 8.49 percent. We, the
25	residents, cannot afford an increase.

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3	On average, each year in New York
4	State there are about 350 heat-related deaths in New
5	York City. More than 500 New Yorkers die prematurely
6	because of hot weather each summer, per the New York
7	Health Department. We, the residents, cannot afford
8	an increase.
9	The proposed increase would see an
10	average increase of up to 95 dollars per month for
11	the average QV household. Small commercial
12	businesses could see an increase of over 203 dollars
13	per month. Our income isn't keeping up with Con Ed
14	escalated costs. Our salary increase, if we're
15	lucky, is between zero to four percent. The average
16	CEO salary is above 200,000 dollars plus bonus. The
17	average executive salary of Con Ed is over 200 and
18	1,000 (ph.) K per year, plus bonus, stock incentive,
19	et cetera. Con Ed's CEO makes over 100 million
20	dollars a year, twenty-six percent above the average
21	CEO salary.
22	Every company has operational costs,
23	which include infrastructure improvements. Con Ed,
24	like most other businesses, must invest back into its

company. It's indeed offensive for them to imply

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3	they're doing improvements, which results in
4	escalated costs to us, the residents. To reiterate,
5	we just can't afford an increase and are actually
6	requesting a reduction.
7	I am representing my block because we
8	need a decrease in our bills. To the citizens in the
9	room, I suggest to you, in October, one day per week,
10	we just reduce our Con Ed usage. We can't really
11	boycott Con Ed, but could we reduce our usage for one
12	day per week. Would that impact their P&L, their
13	eight percent increase on our backs?
14	Now, many people I spoke to responded,
15	"It's such a waste of time. They always win. They
16	do what they do. It's just so they can enter
17	something in the public comment that the community
18	had a chance to speak, and it's a done deal." Am I
19	naive to think my representation tonight will impact
20	the decisions, would actually reduce the would
21	actually scale back the increase? Would actually
22	consider it's expensive to live in Queens. It's
23	expensive to live in New York. Most of us in this
24	room are middle class, and I sound like I'm living as

a homeless person. I feel like I have to beg.

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3	Now, I went to school and got my
4	degree. I did everything I needed to do. I became a
5	homeowner. Yet today, I feel like I'm begging. So I
6	am begging the decision maker to actually reduce our
7	energy bill.
8	I thank you for the time. Residents,
9	citizens, we have more power than they think. I
10	think we can respond by not using their energy or
11	reducing their energy use. In October, they will
12	feel that. Thank you for your time.
13	Claudia Gray, from 210 Street Block
14	Association. I'd like to enter this into the record,
15	it's rushed, so please forgive the mistakes.
16	ALJ KERSEY: Thank you.
17	ALJ LECAKES: Thank you very much.
18	ALJ KERSEY: So I just want to I
19	want to take this moment to explain, because I know
20	some people came in late, what our role is in this
21	process. So the Public Service Condition
22	Commission, excuse me, has to consider the utilities
23	proposal. So the utility has come in Con Ed has
24	come in, and they've made a proposal to raise the
25	rates. Under New York State Law, the Public Service

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3	Commission is the organization that would adopt that
4	proposal but could also modify it, adopt it, or
5	reject it.
6	So at this time, the Commission must
7	decide these cases. There are two cases as I had
8	mentioned earlier, 25-E-0072, and 25-G-0073. And on
9	our website www.dps.gov, there is a search box, and
10	if you put those case numbers in, you can see all the
11	filings that have come through, or that are going on,
12	correspondence, things like that. You can make
13	public comments on our website.
14	But at this time the Commission has to
15	decide these cases by December 30th, 2025. That date
16	may be subject to further extensions, but that's
17	where we stand now.
18	Regardless of how the cases proceed,
19	the Public Service Commission will make the final
20	decision regarding the Company's terms and conditions
21	for providing the electric and gas service. And so
22	this hearing was being held, and is being held, so
23	that you, the public, can provide your comments on
24	Con Edison's proposals.

25 As I had mentioned, there are other

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3	ways you can we would love to hear from everyone
4	in this room, anyone who would like to speak. If you
5	just want to come up and fill out a card, our
6	Consumer Services Office will bring us that card and
7	you can make a public statement. Otherwise, you can
8	also put comments on our website, or by telephone.
9	Our website, again, I'm sorry it's DPS it's
10	www.dps.ny.gov my apology on that. But you can
11	get information on what our website is, and our
12	information, we've got handouts up here, so that you
13	can get that information so that not only can you
14	make that comment today, but if you're not
15	comfortable with public speaking, or want to think
16	about it, or whatever, you can make your comments by
17	email or by telephone as well.
18	So we are going to does anyone else
19	have a public comment that they would like to make?
20	Would anybody else like to speak tonight?
21	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me, you
22	said 25-what?
23	ALJ KERSEY: Yes. Sure. The case
24	numbers are, 25-E E stands for electric
25	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So E, that's

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         25-E?
                         ALJ KERSEY: --0072.
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                         UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 0072.
                         ALJ KERSEY: And 25-G, that stands for
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         Gas --
                         UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Um-hum.
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                         ALJ KERSEY: -- 0073.
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                         UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: These are the
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         proposals you said, right?
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                        ALJ KERSEY: That's correct. That's
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         correct.
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                         UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you,
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         ma'am.
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                         ALJ KERSEY: That's the information on
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         our -- on the website.
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                         UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very
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         much.
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                         ALJ KERSEY: Yes, ma'am.
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                         UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible)
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         ever, let us say, that Con Edison, is ridiculous, the
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         increases if you do not approve it, do you ever say
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         no, or it's just -- that's just a way to
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(indiscernible), but it seems to me that it's a waste

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3	of time.
4	ALJ KERSEY: Okay. We're going to
5	we're going to go off the record.
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You are going
7	off the record?
8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're what?
9	ALJ KERSEY: Okay. We are going off
10	the we are going to go off the record.
11	(Off the record)
12	(On the record)
13	ALJ KERSEY: Okay. So we are back on
14	the record. And this is the continued recalled
15	comment further comment, I should say, from
16	Jacqueline Dolly.
17	MS. DOLLY: Yes, thank you.
18	ALJ KERSEY: Certainly.
19	MS. DOLLY: Yeah. So I wanted to make
20	it clear to everyone that we went through a general
21	election recently, presidential election, where there
22	were promises made that energy costs one of the
23	big promises made was that energy costs would come
24	down. And we were inundated with the phrase, "Drill,
25	baby, drill", and we had that drilled into our brains

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3	as the answer to energy costs coming down. We're now
4	being subjected to the possibility of double-digit
5	double-digit hikes in the cost of energy after we
6	were promised, energy costs would be lowered.
7	That's coming on the heels of a bill
8	that was just pushed through, which is going to
9	impact us within the next twenty-four months. We are
10	going to be witnessing the type of hardship people
11	have not had in a long time, in multiple generations.
12	We're going to be subject to that.
13	And so this is like an this is an
14	insult. On top of all of that, this is an insult to
15	our intelligence, an absolute insult. And I see this
16	as a battle of David versus Goliath. So we now have
17	to weigh the benefits of whatever Con Edison is
18	saying, the benefits that they're I'm sure they're
19	going to come with infrastructural benefits. They're
20	going to come with all of that, without even
21	considering the human costs to these hikes. And
22	believe me, they have put in the highest hike they
23	can possibly put in that's what they're
24	proposing with an understanding that it will be

negotiated down.

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3	So I think that this is like three-
4	card monte, where we are being told that there is an
5	option for this to be off the table. I think that
6	option does not exist. I think it is either we put
7	it in so it's like we give you thirteen to
8	eighteen-percent hike, or you negotiate down from
9	that. So you compare thirteen to ten percent, ten
10	percent looks better. Compare it thirteen to five
11	percent, six percent, eight percent, it looks better.
12	It doesn't feel better to us, though. It doesn't
13	feel better. It doesn't feel better.
14	And so the reality is, is that they
15	are strategizing to have a hike no matter what.
16	They're not stupid. They're not going to come in
17	without knowing that this is going to be negotiated
18	down. They know that.
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What do they
20	want?
21	MS. DOLLY: Right? We're between a
22	rock and a hard place here. So it's either we are
23	we are David, in this story, people. We are David.
24	We're the boy, David. They are the Goliath.
25	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Maybe one

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3	giant.
4	MS. DOLLY: Right. So it's up to us.
5	It's up to us. So if we sit down and allow this to
6	happen and stand down, and cry about it, and feel
7	that we cannot stand up to this, it is going to
8	happen. We have the power. They do not have the
9	power. We have it. We have it. So you've already
LO	been duped once. It's up to you to decide, are you
11	going to be fooled again, and again, and again?
12	You decide. This is not a Con Edison
13	decision. They do this because we allow them to. We
L 4	have the leadership and the business morals and
15	ethics that we have because it is what we deserve.
L 6	It is what we voted for.
L 7	ALJ KERSEY: Thank you. Thank you for
L 8	your comments.
L 9	Our next speaker is Ayanna Kaalund.
20	MS. AYANNA KAALUND: Good evening,
21	everyone. My name is Ayanna Kaalund, I'm a resident
22	of St. Albans. I am a fourth-generation Queens
23	native. My children have the pleasure of being fifth
24	generation when my family relocated up here, escaping
25	Jim Crow of the South. So I've been here my entire

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3	life. And when my great grandparents came up here,
4	this was a place of opportunity, a place of economic
5	growth, where every generation can do better than the
6	previous, to give everybody the opportunity to be
7	able to reach their full potential.
8	And unfortunately, New York City is
9	becoming a place for people who come from
10	considerable wealth and stifling the regular man who
11	tries to make a living here. We have people who are
12	on pensions, we have people who are on disability and
13	they are on a fixed income, as well as the the
14	income growth for most people here, annually, has not
15	gone up to match the rate of increases we've had
16	matching our utilities, matching rents, matching the
17	mortgages, the taxes that we are currently
18	experiencing.
19	This is something that is not
20	sustainable long term. We have people who pass away
21	because they can't turn on their air conditioners
22	because they can't afford it. There's no reason why
23	in the United States of America, right now, that
24	people should be dying because they can't use their

energy because they can't afford it. There's no

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3	reason for that.
4	And I'm also a United States Air Force
5	veteran, and I find it disgusting that people have to
6	fight to have something that we have a right to. You
7	work, you earn your money, you should be able to
8	afford to live in New York City, or anywhere in the
9	United States currently, and that's not the case.
10	I think that something needs to
11	change, and I do understand that there is
12	infrastructure that needs to be repaired. I do
13	understand that there are things that have to be
14	taken care of. However, if you continue to allow
15	these increases, I remember that nine percent
16	increase from two years ago and my energy bill was
17	ridiculous. If we do this next double digit proposed
18	increase, that's over twenty percent in less than
19	three years. That makes no sense.
20	I know my income isn't increasing
21	enough to compensate for that, and I know many other
22	people's incomes are not increasing to compensate for
23	that. We are living, breathing human beings. We
24	understand that this is a business, that people need
25	to make a profit. However, it's not as if we have an

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3	option to turn to another energy company. Con Edison
4	is the only one we have. It's essentially it can
5	be considered a monopoly. Yes, there are other
6	companies that may say that their standard on their
7	own, but everyone has to come through the Con Edison
8	meter.
9	It's not fair, and it's not right, and
10	you're going to continue to lose people who live in
11	New York City. We have over eight million people
12	living in New York City right now. And if everyone's
13	bill is hit by a minimum of eleven percent, how are
14	most people supposed to live? That's a ridiculous
15	amount of money. Yes, the infrastructure does need
16	to be updated. However, we need to have a lower
17	percentage rate, at least to give people an
18	opportunity to still live, because that's what we
19	deserve.
20	People work their butts off. They
21	take care of their families. They take care of
22	things at their job. And the last thing they should
23	worry about is, I can't turn on my air conditioner
24	because I simply can't afford it.

Not only that, Con Edison also has

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3	surcharge pricing during certain times of the day.
4	From 8 a.m. to midnight, we are charged more for our
5	electricity.
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's right.
7	MS. AYANNA KAALUND: And that's
8	more they have to make their money, and I
9	understand it's even more so in the summertime. So
10	right now people are struggling financially, and it's
11	not right to propose such a high hike in rates.
12	There needs to be a middle ground or something that
13	works for the common man. Thank you very much.
14	ALJ KERSEY: Thank you.
15	Our next speaker is Marelva Brison.
16	Thank you.
17	MS. BRISON: Thank you for having me.
18	ALJ KERSEY: Thank you.
19	MS. BRISON: Thank you for allowing me
20	the opportunity to speak. I'm an educator, a highly-
21	educated citizen, and I have been living here in
22	Queens Village for nearly thirty years. I'm at my
23	retirement age. However, I'm not able to retire
24	because all of our bills and obligations are rising
25	much higher than our salary.

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3	And so working in the Department of
4	Education, I am currently supposed to be on summer
5	break, but I'm working just to make ends meet. And
6	so an increase in our utility bills, it's just not
7	sustainable, like all the other speakers said.
8	I'm I love living in my home that I've worked on
9	and built for the past thirty years, but I, too, am
10	considering moving to another state where I will be
11	able to live off my retirement pension.
12	And it's not fair that we are citizens
13	who have built this community, and we have to leave
14	once we retire, because, no, the overtime that I'm
15	doing now, the excess working I'm doing now to make
16	my ends meet, I'm not going to have that as a retired
17	teacher, educator, that I have poured so much into
18	this city that I love, and I have worked, and worked
19	for.
20	And we all know the teachers are so
21	underpaid, yet, we have to be highly educated. You
22	cannot teach in New York City without a master's
23	degree, and we know how much a master's degree costs,
24	right? We know how much a bachelor's degree cost.
25	Now we have a master's degree, and if you want to

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3	earn a little bit more money on top of that, you have
4	to go back and get a second master's degree.
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.
6	MS. BRISON: Yes. And with all of
7	that, I am struggling and I cannot even take a summer
8	off. And now, I'm hearing that Con Edison wants a
9	double-digit raise, while we're living right now
10	where inflation we can't even go to the
11	supermarket. Everything has gone up but our
12	salaries.
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Tell it.
14	MS. BRISON: And let me just say
15	another thing, too. And I'm not that well versed on
16	the Big Beautiful Bill yet, but I do know that
17	there's a part of that bill that says that corporate
18	taxes will be reduced, and it also will include
19	include some other tax benefits to corporations.
20	What about the common, everyday human being that is
21	working and struggling in this country, in this
22	United States? What is going on here that these
23	corporations are becoming rich, billionaires on our
24	backs, and we are struggling, struggling.
25	I'm angry just thinking about my Con

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3	Edison bill is constantly going up. And what is
4	this in the summer, it's more? They get more
5	money. It should be less. I want no increase. They
6	should get nothing. They should get zero. They
7	should give some kickbacks now. We all need to work
8	together right now, all of us, so that we can keep
9	the good people yes, people like me, who wants to
10	help to educate the next generation. So I think you
11	need to think long and hard when we think about this
12	trick that they're doing.
13	Yes, they inflated whatever they
14	wanted so that we can then be satisfied, like, oh
15	yes, look, they didn't get the fifty percent they
16	wanted, they settle for half, so let's just sit down
17	and be quiet. No. And I also I agree with the
18	speaker that said that we should sit in the dark for
19	a day or two. Yes, we should, and let them feel it.
20	Let them feel it in their pockets because they're
21	being greedy. And we can do that.
22	We have another company that has felt
23	the the pinch when
24	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Target.
25	MS. BRISON: yes, exactly. We

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3	should do Con Edison can be our target. Yeah. We
4	can sit in our backyards, and fan, and do whatever we
5	need to do, fan ourselves with by hand, so they
6	will feel it. It won't be for long because they want
7	that money. So I think that we should think about
8	that, talk about that, and go public with it, and
9	hurt them in their pockets. Thank you.
10	ALJ KERSEY: Thank you. Do we have
11	anyone else that would like to speak this evening, if
12	you would?
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's what I
14	need?
15	ALJ KERSEY: Just fill out a card,
16	yeah.
17	(Pause)
18	MS. FRANCINE KAALUND: Can I go right
19	up there now?
20	ALJ KERSEY: Yes. You can go right
21	up; you're right.
22	Okay. We're still on the record,
23	folks. And our next speaker is Francine Kaalund.
24	MS. FRANCINE KAALUND: Good evening.
25	ALJ KERSEY: Good evening.

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3	MS. FRANCINE KAALUND: My name is
4	Francine Kaalund. I didn't plan on speaking because
5	I really wanted to just hear what was going on today.
6	But as I'm sitting here, and I'm listening, and I
7	listen to this this teacher. I'm a former
8	teacher, and I'm on a retired teacher's salary. And
9	let me tell you something it ain't it ain't all
10	that great. If I didn't own my home, I would not be
11	able to survive in New York because the rents in New
12	York are crazy, 3,000 dollars a month, 4,000 dollars
13	a month, who makes that kind of money; who does?
14	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Con Ed.
15	MS. FRANCINE KAALUND: You can't
16	survive. And you pick up Social Security, and so it
17	helped you to survive, but for how long? With the
18	increase in Con Edison, the increase in Brooklyn
19	Union, et cetera, it's ridiculous.
20	I get my bill, and I look at my bill,
21	my cost for carrying Con Edison and my other
22	utilities are more, sometimes double or triple what I
23	actually used in electricity, which makes no sense.
24	Why should I have to pay you so much money just to
25	use electricity, or to use gas, or any other utility

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3	that I have? It makes no sense.
4	And you want to charge me more? What
5	do you want me to do, because you can't even buy dog
6	food, because that's expensive. So what am I
7	supposed to eat? What am I supposed to do about my
8	hypertension medicine? What am I supposed to do if I
9	have a heart attack? What am I supposed to do if I
10	have diabetes? I'm supposed to not get my
11	medication? Let's be real about this. People who
12	are asking for these raises, they don't understand
13	what the common person goes through.
14	You have these people that wanted to
15	speak and spoke of hundred how much money these
16	companies' the executives are making, why are they
17	making so much money? How come their salary can't be
18	cut? How can they have all of that money? They
19	don't live down here with us. They don't understand.
20	It's expensive, and it's not a joke. And it's very
21	serious. When you see your neighbors, especially
22	senior citizens, can't make the bill. And we, who
23	can get around, check up on them, and their house
24	feels like an oven, an oven. You can't breathe.

Some of them have COPD and other informities (sic)

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3	where they cannot breathe, respiratory issues.
4	And you tell them, oh, go to a library
5	or cooling centers. How are they going to get there?
6	Many of them are walking in walkers. Many of them
7	have wheelchairs. Many of them can barely get to the
8	bathroom without assistance. How are they supposed
9	to go to these cooling centers? Let's be real.
10	Let's be real.
11	They need to take a minute and
12	reevaluate and actually get on board with the person
13	who is the common New Yorker, the person who busted
14	their butt to make sure that they have what they
15	need, to make sure that these children have an
16	education, because being an educator is not the
17	easiest job when you have to deal with so many
18	different personalities.
19	I worked in the high school. I had
20	over 300 kids a semester. I had different classes.
21	I taught science, so I taught lab classes, and I
22	taught recitation classes. And I have to give grades
23	for lab classes, and recitation classes. We're not
24	talking a couple of kids, there was thirty-five,

sometimes thirty-eight kids in a class, overcrowded,

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3	times nine because you have recitation and labs, and
4	then they expect you to be able to do that, and you
5	bust your butt.
6	You've got to fill out grades, you've
7	got to take grades, you've got to make up homework
8	assignments, you have to check homework assignments,
9	you have to make up tests, you have to check tests.
10	Excuse me. And teachers do not get that much money
11	that we have to that we let's put it this
12	way you work, and you come home, and you work.
13	And if you have children, you come home from work,
14	you do what you have to do with your family, then you
15	still have to go back to work.
16	And now, everybody is getting emails
17	here and emails there, and they get attitude, because
18	you don't want to answer your email at 9:00 at night,
19	and then you do these things and when you retire, you
20	can't live here. That makes no sense. No sense.
21	So they need to take a step back, and
22	they need to think about what they're really doing,
23	because in the long run, they're hurting
24	themselves oh, wait a minute maybe what all of
25	the people who we considered poor, which is us, to

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3	leave New York so the billionaires can have all the
4	fun. Is that what's going on?
5	Think about it. Because we are being
6	pushed out of New York.
7	ALJ KERSEY: Thank you. Thank you for
8	your comment.
9	Our next speaker is S.D. May-Kendall.
10	And I might be saying that wrong, but please feel
11	free to come up. Thank you.
12	MS. MAY-KENDALL: Hello. My name is
13	S.D. Kendall. My husband and I are both City
14	workers, the City New York. I'm a retired police
15	officer, and my husband worked for the Department of
16	Sanitation. We are both homeowners here in Queens.
17	We have two children. One is away at college, the
18	other one goes in the in the fall.
19	I'm also an Army vet. My husband and
20	I were both born here in Queens, and with this
21	proposed Con Edison increase, this will put us all
22	behind the eight ball trying to afford, you know,
23	what we hope is the American dream.
24	This increase will hurt everyday
25	residents in New York City. I served my country, my

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3	community with honor, and I will hope that I'll be
4	able to continue to live in New York City, but with
5	all the, you know, increases that New York City is
6	now bringing forth to the residents.
7	So with that being said, I also have a
8	mother and my three aunts that own homes here in
9	Queens. This increase and that also in-between '74
10	and '85, three homes between us well, four with
11	mine, this proposed increase is going to affect the
12	seniors in our neighborhood in such a detrimental way
13	where they can barely afford their mortgages now on
14	their fixed incomes.
15	My siblings and I, we all still live
16	in Queens, and it's affecting our whole community.
17	We have family dinners, the discussion around the
18	table is that the rising cost of everything. So
19	with this proposed eleven percent increase, is going
20	to hurt working American families of Queens, and all
21	of New York. So please, hopefully, someone will
22	consider that this increase doesn't need to happen at
23	this rate, at this time.
24	ALJ KERSEY: Thank you. Is there
25	anyone else who wishes to make a statement? We will

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3	sit here.
4	(Conferring with Judge.)
5	ALJ KERSEY: Okay. We have someone
6	else who wants to come and make a statement in about
7	ten minutes. Senator Comrie will be here in ten
8	minutes and would like to put a statement on the
9	record. So we're just going to go off the record for
10	ten minutes, and we're going to wait for the senator
11	to come and make a public comment
12	If anybody else would like to speak,
13	though, in the meantime, please, come fill out a
14	card; we would love to hear from you.
15	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: While people
16	decide to speak, is there an economist in the room?
17	ALJ KERSEY: We're just going to
18	we're going to go off the record, though, until the
19	senator the senator gets here, or we receive any
20	more cards.
21	(Off the record)
22	(On the record)
23	ALJ KERSEY: Okay. We are on the
24	record, and we have another speaker this evening,
25	Senator Comrie.

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3	SENATOR COMRIE: Thank you. Good
4	evening, everyone. I want to thank the Commission
5	for coming out to Queens and being out here at the
6	Charles Mixon Center here in Queens Village. It's an
7	opportunity for the public to come out.
8	I am State Senator Leroy Comrie. I
9	represent this area in the 14th Senate District, and
L 0	I chair the Corporations, Authorities and Commission
11	in the State Senate. And we wanted to thank you
12	again for creating another opportunity for the public
13	to offer input to the impending decision regarding
L 4	Con Edison's rate case.
15	Earlier this year, we hosted a
16	roundtable with stakeholders, including parties to
L7	this rate case, to give legislators more insight into
18	the rate case process, and some of the challenges
19	seen by parties of the rate cases.
20	New York is frequently cited as one of
21	the most unaffordable states to live in, and this is
22	an opportunity to make everyone aware of how utility
23	increases affect constituents and the fact that the
24	Department of Public Service has an obligation to

make sure that this feedback is considered in the

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3	final rendering of your decision regarding this rate
4	case.
5	We have all had constituents send to
6	us copies of their bills, or looked at our own bills
7	and wondered how they continually get increasingly
8	expensive, which leads to looking into how the Public
9	Service Commission approves these rates. And the
10	deeper you look, the more you recognize that there
11	are major inefficiencies from a prior rate case that
12	severely affects consumers later on.
13	Utility companies are applying for
14	rate increases under the guise of CLCPA growth
15	CLCPA goals; however, these infrastructure changes
16	are not always in alignment with the statute that can
17	be approved by the Commission. When looking at the
18	law, there are some things that we need to firm up in
19	the law related to how to case rate cases are
20	conducted.
21	For example, the response times for
22	motions, the ability to have evidentiary hearings be
23	virtual, and confidentially require and
24	confidential confidentiality requirements when
25	entering into a potential settlement. These

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3	limitations are hindering the best possible outcome
4	with rate cases and need to be addressed is
5	legislatively.
6	During this year's session, my
7	colleagues and I sponsored legislation that would
8	create a (audio interference) Commission that is
9	acting on behalf of the public. We passed out we
10	put out a Rate Hike Notice Senate Bill, 5555-B, which
11	would be straightforward, and it requires that if
12	utilities are going to raise your rates, they must
13	tell you clearly, directly and in multiple formats
14	before it happens.
15	It's unacceptable that many customers
16	only find out about a rate hike after they've already
17	been hit with a higher bill. This bill would bring
18	transparency into the process by requiring utilities
19	to notify customers via text, email, and on their
20	monthly bill. Also S2460, a Consumer Representation
21	Bill, that we have legislation that would bring
22	consumer voices back to the table by adding a
23	representative from the Consumer Protection Stability
24	Division's Utility Intervention Unit to the State

Energy Planning Board, which would help make certain

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3	policy decisions that affect our wallets and well-
4	being, should include the people who actually pay the
5	bills, not just industry insiders or bureaucrats.
6	We passed that bill. Unfortunately,
7	it didn't make it to the Assembly. It's going to
8	hopefully get passed this year. And there are
9	other several other bills included in the Utility
10	Affordability Package, and I hope that the Governor
11	will sign those also. We want to do whatever we can
12	to make sure that we do more to ensure that the
13	Public Service Commission, when they look at these
14	rate cases, look at really how it impacts people.
15	They want I'm trying to stay on
16	script to make my staff happy, but I want to jump off
17	script for a minute. The issue with the rate cases
18	and the public, and the way that the folks have an
19	ability to access it is too unwieldy, it's too
20	it's too difficult, even for folks that are experts
21	at it, to really impact these cases. It's truly
22	unfair to the public. The system needs to be
23	changed.
24	I just want to bring up another issue
25	regarding Con Edison specifically and the fact that

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3	they are putting in an installation of a battery
4	energy storage system at 179-21 Linden Boulevard by
5	NineDot Energy. This proposed project is situated
6	adjacent to private homes, a funeral home, a fire,
7	and a welding tire tire and a welding shop, and
8	a veterans hospital, and is in close proximity to a
9	public school.
10	This has sparked major alarm among the
11	residents, who actually is in the Addisleigh Park
12	area, which is a historic district. They're worried
13	about the safety risks associated with lithium-ion
14	battery systems, especially in the light of
15	documented incidents and recent projected
16	cancellations and other Boroughs following public
17	opposition.
18	Additionally, community members have
19	identified alternative properties where they could
20	locate this substation that is being proposed along 1
21	10th Avenue and in commercial areas. They've listed
22	four places where Con Ed that are currently available
23	for rent or lease, and could be suitable locations
24	for this type of battery ion storage facility.
25	Compounding the community's concern is the property's

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3	prior uses as a gas station. There are lingering
4	fears that underground fuel tanks may not have been
5	properly removed. And there's also a concern because
6	there's a layer of plume that is still sitting on the
7	ground that may be sparked by these batteries.
8	While NYDOT has stated that the tanks
9	were safely removed under the supervision of the
10	appropriate agency, documentation has not been shared
11	with the community that that was done. Given these
12	issues, we continue to hear what we now echo on
13	what we now are concerned, what assurances would the
14	community have that this potential danger is properly
15	being regulated by the New York State Public Service
16	Commission?
17	Unfortunately, the information that
18	has been provided by NYDOT does not sufficiently
19	address this core question. Communities deserve
20	transparency and assurances that these energy
21	facilities are subject to rigorous regulatory
22	scrutiny and public engagement regardless of coming
23	allowances.
24	And we're very upset with Con Ed
25	because Con Ed just is we work with two

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3	communities to put in a major substation that is
4	being built on 110th (ph.) Avenue, with the promise
5	that that substation would be enough to meet the
6	electrical needs in the community, they did not pre-
7	inform us that they were now going to put in lithium-
8	ion substations in and around the community.
9	In addition to that, they should have
10	had more public discussion with us before siting
11	these locations, even though they claim they have the
12	authority to do so because it's as of right. It's
13	not as of right morally, or the final is definitely
14	hampered, and now permanently hindered its
15	relationship with the Southeast Queens community.
16	You can't promise a large substation
17	on one hand, and then turn around and site things
18	without community input, on the other hand. The
19	community had major input in siting the substation,
20	had an opportunity to do so, and then to find out
21	that they're going to put four different battery
22	lithium-ion places without proper community notice is
23	unfair as well. And they need to be they called
24	on the carpet for that.
25	This location specifically needs to be

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3	moved because it's sitting on a plume of old oil and
4	gas at that gas station, that cannot be mitigated
5	easily. And we think, and that community,
6	especially, as a historic community which has worked
7	hard to maintain its historic location, and its
8	historic status, are truly concerned and freaked out
9	by the fact that they want to put a lithium battery
10	ion station there.
11	So Con Ed needs to be called on the
12	carpet about that. They need to be requested to move
13	this location, and furthermore, their income and
14	their revenues show that they do not need any more
15	money. There's no need for additional money to be
16	given to Con Ed by the public. They're already
17	having enough income. If you look at their annual
18	reports, it doesn't substantiate the need for them to
19	continue to go to the public for rate increases.
20	New Yorkers are paying way too much
21	for utility bills now for companies that are making
22	plenty of money on their bottom line.
23	Thank you for allowing me the extra
24	time to speak. We will be continuing to work on the
25	legislative side, to do more, to give the public an

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3	opportunity to have more impact on these rate cases,
4	to understand them better, and to better help the
5	Public Service Commission really help the public by
6	lowering bills and not increasing them. Thank you.
7	ALJ KERSEY: Thank you, Senator.
8	Thank you.
9	Do we have any other folks who would
10	like to speak?
11	Okay. I want to remind you again, you
12	can submit comments on the Department's website,
13	www.dps.ny.gov by regular mail or by phone. Again,
14	information regarding these alternative methods is
15	available from our Office of Consumer Services'
16	staff. You can submit comments regarding these
17	proceedings by these other means that I described,
18	even if you spoke today, and you must do so by
19	November 21st, 2025, for those comments to be
20	considered.
21	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Say again?
22	ALJ KERSEY: November 25th (sic),
23	2025. Again, I want to thank you for your
24	participation today. I want to thank you to Senator
25	Comrie, and his office, and his staff for

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3	facilitating this event here at the C.W. Mixon
4	Center.
5	And I want to say that this hearing is
6	concluded this evening. We are off the record.
7	Thank you for coming. Thank you.
8	(The hearing concluded at 7:56 p.m.)
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10	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
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13	ILDIKO NYARI, Reporter
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