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Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess Secretary New York State Public Service Commission 3 Empire State Plaza, 19th Floor Albany, New York 12223

## RE: Cases 15-E-0050, 13-E-0030, and 13-G-0031, Advanced Metering Infrastructure

Dear Secretary Burgess:

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. ("Con Edison" or the "Company") hereby submits for filing with the Public Service Commission ("the "Commission") an amendment to its Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 9 - Gas ("Gas Tariff").<sup>1</sup>

The Gas Tariff Leaf identified below has a proposed effective date of February 1, 2017:

Leaf No.	Revision No.	Superseding No.
77	3	2

## **Background and Reason for Filing**

The Commission's <u>Order Approving Advanced Metering Infrastructure Business</u> <u>Plan Subject to Conditions</u> ("AMI Order"), issued March 17, 2016, in Cases 15-E-0050, 13-E-0030, and 13-G-0031 directed the Company to permit Customers residing in multifamily buildings to opt out of AMI metering. As a result, the Company filed proposed changes to General Rule III.8(W) – AMR/AMI Meter Opt-Out of its Gas Tariff on July 29, 2016 ("July 2016 Filing").

After discussion with Department of Public Service Staff ("Staff"), the Company agreed to make several clarifying changes to the July 2016 Filing, including stating that notice that will be provided to Customers when a non-AMI meter is replaced by an AMI meter and indicating that the Company's website will contain information about how to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Company is also filing, under separate letter, an amendment to its Schedule for Electric Service, P.S.C. No. 10 - Electricity.

opt out of AMR/AMI metering as well as how to opt back in. That filing was made on November 14, 2016 ("November 2016 Filing"), with an effective date of January 15, 2017. Subsequent to that filing, the July 2016 Filing and the November 2016 filing were postponed to February 1, 2017.

The Company has had further discussions with Staff and agreed to make additional changes related to access to the premises of Customers who opt out of AMR or AMI metering or refuse to permit installation of such metering.

## **Proposed Tariff Change**

Currently pending tariff language states that Customers who opt out of AMR or AMI metering or refuse to permit installation of such metering and thereafter have two months of estimated bills in a 12-month period due to no access to the meter will be required to furnish, install, and maintain the facilities necessary to accept outdoor meter(s) or provide access to the Company to install, or re-install, an AMI meter. The Company proposes to revise that tariff language to indicate that if a Customer opts out of AMR or AMI metering, as applicable, or refuses to permit installation of such metering, and, thereafter, the Company has no access to the meter on four consecutive bi-monthly cycle reading dates, the Customer or access controller will be required to provide the Company with access to install, or re-install, an AMI meter at the Company's discretion. As an alternative, where practicable, a Customer, at Customer expense, can furnish, install, and maintain the facilities necessary to accept outdoor metering.

## **Conclusion and Notice**

The July 2016 Filing and November 2016 Filing are currently postponed to February 1, 2017. The Company, therefore, proposes that this filing become effective on the same date. The Company respectfully requests waiver of newspaper publication, because the tariff changes filed hereunder are clarifications of changes filed in the July 2016 Filing, for which notice was published on August 19 and 26, and September 2 and 9, 2016.

Very truly yours, CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.

> /s/ William A. Atzl, Jr. Director Rate Engineering