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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 Electric Service, P.S.C. No. 10 - Electricity ("Electric Tariff"), applicable to its customers in the City of New York and the County of Westchester.<sup>1</sup>

The revised Electric Tariff Leaf identified below has a proposed effective date of January 15, 2017:

Leaf No.Revision No.Superseding No.63.143

## **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.<sup>2</sup> As a result, the Company filed proposed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Company is also filing, under separate letter, an amendment to its Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 9 - Gas, applicable to its customers in Manhattan and the Bronx, the First and Third Wards of Queens, and certain municipalities in the County of Westchester.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> That Rule is currently applicable to one-to-four family homes only.

changes to General Rule 6.10 – AMR/AMI Meter Opt-Out of its Electric Tariff on July 29, 2016 ("July 2016 Filing").

After discussion with Department of Public Service 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 opt out of AMR/AMI metering as well as how to opt back in.

#### **Proposed Tariff Change**

The following is a summary of the clarifications that the Company proposes to its July 2016 Filing:

- The Company removed reference to customers having the ability to make a "onetime" AMR/AMI opt-out election, because customers will be able to opt out at any time.
- The tariff has been modified to indicate that information is available on the Company's website about how to opt out of an AMR/AMI meter and, if opted out, how to opt in at a later date.
- The language originally filed did not detail provisions related to notice that will be provided by the Company. Language has been added to specify that the Company has a plan to replace non-AMI meters, including AMR meters, with AMI meters throughout its service area and will provide notice, including the ability to opt out. At least 30 days in advance of the planned AMI meter installation at the Customer's premises, the Company will notify the Customer in writing of the forthcoming meter installation and ability to opt out. Customers who opt out of AMI metering prior to the planned installation will not be subject to a meter change-out fee.

In the event the Company replaces a non-AMI meter with an AMI meter and does not provide at least 30 days' advance notice (<u>e.g.</u>, replacement of a broken meter), the Company will notify the Customer in writing of the AMI meter installation and ability to opt out. Customers who opt out of AMI metering within 30 days of such notice will not be subject to a meter change-out fee.

• The July 2016 Filing indicated that customers who opt out of AMR or AMI metering and have two months of estimated bills in a 12-month period will be required to furnish, install and maintain facilities necessary to accept outdoor meter(s) or provide access to the Company to install, or re-install, an AMI meter. The Company has clarified that this applies, not only to customers who opt out, but also to those who refuse to permit installation of such metering.

### **Conclusion and Notice**

The July 2016 Filing is currently postponed to January 15, 2017. The Company proposes that this filing become effective on January 15, 2017, the same date as the July 2016 Filing. 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