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Honorable Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary to the Commission
New York State Public Service Commission
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 3
Albany, NY 12223-1350

**RE: Case 15-G-0244, Proceeding on the Motion of the Commission to Develop
Implementation Protocols for Complying with Inspection Requirements Pertaining
to Gas Service Lines Inside Buildings.**

Dear Secretary Phillips:

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (the “Company”) is filing with the Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) amendments to its Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 9 – Gas (the “Gas Tariff”), applicable to its customers in the City of New York and the County of Westchester

The Tariff Leaves, which are identified below, are filed to become effective on January 1, 2020:

<u>Leaf</u>	<u>Revision</u>	<u>Superseding</u>
11	4	3
13	4	3
48	2	1
81	3	2
82	4	3
83	4	3
83.2	1	0

Reason for Filing and Tariff Changes

On April 2, 2015, in its Memorandum and Resolution Adopting Gas Safety Regulation Amendments issued in Case 14-G-0537¹, the Commission adopted a new definition for gas

¹ *In the Matter of Revising 16 NYCRR Gas Safety Regulations for Consistent Application of More Stringent Federal Gas Safety Standards in 49 CFR*

service line, which expanded the Commission's jurisdiction of gas service line inspections. The requirements for inside gas service line safety inspections for all local gas distribution companies ("LDCs") in New York State were also expanded. Two new interior inspection requirements, leakage surveys and atmospheric corrosion inspections, are now required to be performed by the LDCs.

In compliance with the Commission's April 20, 2017 Order Establishing Statewide Inspection Schedules and Procedural Requirements in Case 15-G-0244, the Company filed modified Tariff language to include (a) a \$100 charge to Customers for not allowing the Company access to its equipment; and (b) to terminate service if the Customer does not pay the \$100 charge or does pay the charge but continues to deny the Company access to its equipment when performing leakage surveys and atmospheric corrosion inspections.

On May 15, 2019, the Company petitioned the Commission requesting authorization of alternative timing intervals for interior building gas service line leakage survey and atmospheric corrosion inspection requirements. The Company also proposed a three-year Pilot Program that would commence January 1, 2020 and end December 31, 2022. At the end of the pilot program, the Company would make a compliance filing to make these intervals permanent.

On October 21, 2019 the Commission issued a subsequent Order in Case 15-G-0244, granting the Company's May 2019 Petition to extend gas service line inspection/survey intervals, subject to certain conditions. The Company may now extend inspection/survey intervals to five years for business district, non-business district, room sets and new construction. However, the Company must amend its Tariff: to charge non-residential customers in business districts \$500 after two failed attempts to gain access to perform leakage surveys or corrosion inspections; and that gas service of such customer may be terminated if a gas customer fails to provide access or fails to keep a scheduled appointment.

In compliance with the October 21, 2019 Order, the Company has added language to General Information Section III.8. (C) (2) of the Gas Tariff to charge \$500 to non-residential customers located in business districts, where the Company has made two failed attempts to gain access to the premises. In addition, the Company modified tariff language regarding the termination of service resulting from a continued lack of access to the premises preventing the Company from completing its service line inspections in General Information Section III.12. (B) (3) for residential and non-residential customers. The Company added tariff language regarding the termination of service if a Customer fails to keep scheduled appointments with the Company and preventing the Company from completing its service line inspections in General Information Section III.12. (A) (6) for residential and non-residential customers. Definitions for Business and Non-Business Districts were added to the General Information Section II of the Tariff.

Conclusion and Notice

Pursuant to Ordering Clause 12 of the Order, the tariff revisions will become effective on January 1, 2020. As directed by Ordering Clause 10 of the Order regarding newspaper

publication requirements of §66(12) (b) of the Public Service Law, the Company will provide for public notice of the tariff changes in this filing by means of newspaper publication once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the effective date for the proposed tariff changes.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to Peter Otersen at (212) 460-4439.

Sincerely,

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