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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: Case 14-G-0571, AMR/AMI Meter Opt-Out**

Dear Secretary Burgess:

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (“Con Edison” or 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 Manhattan and The Bronx, the First and Third Wards of Queens, and certain municipalities in the County of Westchester.<sup>1</sup>

The revised Gas Tariff Leaf identified below has a proposed effective date of July 1, 2015:

<u>Leaf No.</u>	<u>Revision No.</u>	<u>Superseding No.</u>
76.2	1	0

**Background and Reason for Filing**

On December 31, 2014, the Company filed a proposal in Case 14-G-0571 to allow Customers to opt out of Automated Meter Reading equipped devices (“AMR meters”) or Advanced Metering Infrastructure equipped meters (“AMI meters”). The

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<sup>1</sup> The Company is also filing, under separate letter, amendments 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. That filing is issued in Case 14-E-0570.

filing, which was issued with a proposed effective date of April 1, 2015, is currently postponed to July 1, 2015.

As part of the December 2014 filing, the Company proposed new General Information Section III.8.(W), "AMR/AMI Meter Opt-Out," which would be applicable to residential customers in one- or two-family homes that have, or are scheduled to have, AMR meters or AMI meters installed by the Company on their premises. Pursuant to General Information Section III.8.(W), Customers who opt out of AMR/AMI metering would pay a monthly charge for on-site cycle meter readings at the charge specified in General Information Section IV.3.(b) (currently \$19.00 per account per visit). If an AMR/AMI meter was previously installed, the Customer would pay for the removal of such meter and the installation of a solid-state non-communicating meter at the costs specified in General Information Section IV.2, unless the Company did not notify the Customer in writing in advance of the AMR/AMI meter installation, in which case there would be no charge.

Following discussions with the Staff of the Department of Public Service, the Company proposes various changes to General Information Section III.8.(W).

#### **Proposed Tariff Changes**

Changes are described below:

- The Company proposes that General Information Section III.8.(W) be applicable to residential customers in one-to-four family homes, as opposed to one- or two-family homes.
- The Company will attempt to read the meters of Customers who opt out of AMR/AMI metering bi-monthly (approximately 60 days), instead of monthly (approximately 30 days), and charge the Customer an incremental monthly charge equal to half the charge specified in General Information Section IV.3.(b) (*i.e.*, half of the current \$19.00 per account per visit, or \$9.50 per month).
- The Company will not charge for removal of an AMR/AMI meter previously installed unless it provided written notice at least 30 days in advance of the AMR/AMI meter installation.
- The Company will charge for removal of an AMR/AMI meter and the installation of a solid-state non-communicating meter at the costs specified in General Information Section IV.2, provided, however, that the charge would not exceed \$94.00 for a gas meter.

**Conclusion and Notice**

This filing is proposed to become effective on July 1, 2015, the same date as the filing made on December 31, 2014. The Company requests waiver of newspaper publication, because it published notice of the tariff changes filed in December 2014 on January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2015, and the current filing does not substantially change the December proposal.

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

/s/ William A. Atzl, Jr.  
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