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May 31, 2001

CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC. 4 Irving Place New York, NY 10003

Hon. Janet Hand Deixler Secretary Public Service Commission State of New York Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223

Re: Case Nos. 99-M-0631 and 98-M-1343

Dear Secretary Deixler:

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. ("Con Edison" or "the Company") is filing today with the Public Service Commission ("the Commission") amendments to its Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 9 - Gas.

The Company's schedule leaves are issued May 30, 2001 to become effective June 1, 2001. The specific leaves are identified on Appendix A.

Reason for Filing

The Company is filing tariff amendments pursuant to the Commission's Order Establishing Uniform Retail Access Billing And Payment Processing Practices, issued and effective May 18, 2001 in Case Nos. 99-M-0631 and 98-M-1343 (the "May Order"). As directed in Ordering Clause 3 of the May Order, the Company is filing the tariff amendments by May 31, 2001 to become effective on June 1, 2001. A separate filing is being made today to amend the Company's Electric Schedule for Retail Access, PSC No. 2 - Retail Access.

Summary of the Proposed Changes

As required by the Commission's May Order, the Company is filing tariff amendments to provide:

- (a) consolidated billing and payment processing in accordance with the practices specified in Appendix A of the May Order and in the Uniform Business Practices, to become effective when Electronic Data Interchange ("EDI") is effective and operational;
- (b) a bill credit of \$0.65 per monthly billing cycle to a firm transportation Customer who receives a single bill that combines the Company and Marketer's charges("consolidated bill"); and
- (c) a charge of \$0.65 per account per monthly billing cycle to a Marketer whose customer receives a consolidated bill from the Company.

Currently the Company offers consolidated billing in the form of Billing Agency, where a Customer authorizes a Marketer to act as Billing Agent to receive the customer's bill from the Company, consolidate the bill with the Marketer's charges, and re-bill the entire amount to the customer in a single bill format. Until EDI is operational, this will be the only form of consolidated billing arrangement offered. The Company will provide the \$0.65 credit per monthly billing cycle, commencing with the June 2001 billing cycle, to any customer who has appointed its Marketer as its Billing Agent.

The tariff amendments provide that Billing Agency will be terminated when EDI becomes operational, as established in Case No. 99-M-0667, and retail access billing and payment processing practices are effective, as established in Case No. 99-M-0631. At that time, any Marketer that provides consolidated bills under that arrangement and that desires to continue providing consolidated bills to its customers, will be required to meet the requirements of EDI and execute a Billing Services Agreement in the form to be filed by the Company.

If a Marketer wants to bill for only one of the customer's services on a combination electric and gas account, the Marketer pays an account separation fee and requests that the Company separate the customer's account into separate electric and gas accounts. This tariff filing increases the account separation fee from \$26.70 to \$34.50. The Company proposed this increase in its October 30, 2000 filing in this proceeding to permit the Company to recover the incremental cost of continuing its billing function. The increase is equal to 12 times the billing credit provided to the customer. The Company expects to review the credit level and account separation fee periodically and to propose changes as appropriate.

Cancellation of Tariff Filing

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The Commission's May Order rejected the filing made on October 30, 2000 and ordered the Company to file a supplement to its tariff canceling the proposed amendments by May 31, 2001. In compliance with Ordering Clause 2 of that Order, the Company hereby files this supplement to cancel the leaves named therein effective May 31, 2001.

With its October 30, 2000 filing, Con Edison also submitted revisions to its Sales and Transportation Operating Procedure (the "Operating Procedure"). These revisions are now withdrawn. Revisions to the Operating Procedure to reflect the May Order will be submitted when the Billing Services Agreement is filed with the Commission by July 1, 2001.

Conclusion

As directed in Ordering Clause 3 of the Commission's May Order, tariff leaves submitted herewith are issued May 30, 2001 to become effective on June 1, 2001.

As provided by Ordering Clause 4 of the Commission's May Order, the requirement for newspaper publication has been waived. This filing is being served by mail on the parties to this proceeding and by electronic mail on Marketers presently serving customers in Con Edison's service territory.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.

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Appendix A

<u>PSC No. 9 - Gas</u>

Fourth Revised Leaf No. 261.1 Superseding First Revised Leaf No. 261.1

First Revised Leaf No. 315.1

Third Revised Leaf No. 363 Superseding Second Revised Leaf No. 363

First Revised Leaf No. 397.2