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

Hon. Debra Renner
Acting Secretary
State of New York
Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

Dear Secretary Renner:

Subject: Case 98-M-0256

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, PSC No. 9 - Gas, identified below:

PSC No. Gas

First Revised Leaf No. 16.0
Superseding Original Leaf No. 16.0

First Revised Leaf No. 19.0
Superseding Original Leaf No. 19.0

First Revised Leaf No. 21.0
Superseding Original Leaf No. 21.0

The tariff leaves, issued one day's notice, bear an effective of June 2, 1999 pursuant to Ordering Clause 2, which authorized the

Company to file amendments to go into effect on a temporary basis on or after October 1, 1998, and on a permanent basis upon the Commission approval.

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Reasons for Proposed Change

Pursuant to Ordering Clause 1 of the Commission's "Order Authorizing Collection of Residential Deposits," issued and effective October 2, 1998 in Case 98-M-0256, "Petition of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. to request Residential Service Deposits from Applicants Refusing to Provide Adequate Identification," the Company is authorized to require residential service deposits from applicants who do not provide adequate identification.

Summary of the Proposed Change

The Company is filing changes to its gas tariff to require, as a condition of service, a security deposit from new residential customers and applicants who do not provide proof of their identity upon application of service. A conforming tariff change has also been made that the Company may require proof of identification as a condition of service. This requirement is currently contained in the Company's Schedule for Electricity Service.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.

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