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Honorable Jaclyn A. Brilling Secretary State of New York Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223

RE: Case 12-E-0394, Net Metering

## Dear Secretary Brilling:

Enclosed for filing with the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") are revised schedule leaves issued by Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. ("Con Edison" or the "Company") to the Company's Schedule for Electricity Service, P.S.C. No. 10 – Electricity, applicable to its customers in the City of New York and the County of Westchester.

Tariff leaves reflecting the proposed changes are identified below:

Leaf No.	Revision No.	Superseding Revision
249.1	1	0
382	1	0
382.1	0	-
383	1	0
383.1	0	-
384	1	0
385	1	0
385.1	0	-
386	1	0

The leaves are proposed to become effective February 1, 2013.

## Reason for Filing

Chapter 318 of the 2012 Laws of New York amended Public Service Law ("PSL") §66-j and extended remote net metering to non-residential customers and customers with farm operations who locate micro-hydroelectric generating equipment on property that they own or

lease.<sup>1</sup> On September 7, 2012, the Commission issued a <u>Notice Establishing Filing Requirements</u> ("Notice"), directing the utilities to conform their tariffs to the new statutory provisions.<sup>2</sup>

The Company is making this filing in compliance with that Notice. In this filing, the Company is also conforming Application Form G – Application for Net Metering or Standby Service and/or Buy-back Service to tariff changes that have been made since Application Form G was first submitted to the Commission.<sup>3</sup>

## **Summary of Tariff Changes**

The Company has modified Rider R – Net Metering for Customer-Generators (Leaf 249.1) to indicate that remote net metering is available to non-residential customers with microhydroelectric generating equipment. Although the statutory change extended remote net metering both to farm service and non-residential customers with micro-hydroelectric generating equipment, remote net metering will be available to farm service customers who take service under a non-residential service classification under the Company's tariff, because Con Edison does not have a distinct "farm service" rate classification.

The Company has also modified Application Form G as follows:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Public Service Law ("PSL") §66-j and PSL §66-l were previously amended effective June 1, 2011, pursuant to Chapter 35 of the Laws of 2011, which permitted remote net metering by customers with non-residential solar photovoltaic or farm waste electric generation and by customers with farm wind or non-residential wind electric generation. The Company's tariff changes to comply with those statutory changes were issued in Case 11-E-0319 and became effective December 1, 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Notice also invited the electric utilities to propose changes to the Standardized Interconnection Requirements ("SIR"). The Company will submit comments on the SIR, jointly with other New York State utilities, in a separate correspondence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Company filed Application Form G with its electronic rate schedule, P.S.C. No. 10 – Electricity on July 15, 2011. P.S.C. No. 10 – Electricity became effective on February 20, 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Chapter 318 of the 2012 Laws amended Section 3 of PSL §66-j and extended remote net metering to "[a] customer who owns or operates a farm operation as such term is defined in subdivision eleven of section three hundred one of the agriculture and markets law, or a non-residential customer-generator as defined by subparagraph (vii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision one of this section that locates micro-hydroelectric generating equipment with a net energy meter on property owned or leased by such customer-generator." However, micro-hydroelectric generating equipment is defined in Section 1, paragraph (f) of PSL §66-j as, "a hydroelectric system (i) (A) in the case of a residential customer, with a rated capacity of not more than twenty-five kilowatts; and (B) in the case of a non-residential customer, with a rated capacity of not more than two thousand kilowatts; and (ii) that is manufactured, installed, and operated in accordance with applicable government and industry standards, that is connected to the electric system and operated in conjunction with an electric corporation's transmission and distribution facilities, and that is operated in compliance with any standards and requirements established under this section." The Company assumes that the change in law did not intend to extend remote net metering to a farm service customer taking service under a residential service classification.

- In the introductory paragraph of the application form, the reference to sale of electricity by the Company under SC 11 (buy-back service) was corrected to refer to sale of electricity by a customer.
- Former Section 6, which asked applicants for standby service and/or SC 11 for type and size of generator/system, became new Section 2, "Distributed Generation Equipment Information," which must be completed by all applicants for net metering or standby service and/or SC 11.
- Former Section 2, "Type of Service Requested, became Section 3, and former Section 3, to be completed by applicants for net metering, became Section 4.
- Section 4 (former Section 3) was modified to indicate that net metering is available to the following: residential customers with micro-hydroelectric generating equipment with a rated capacity less than or equal to 25 kW; nonresidential customers with micro-hydroelectric generating equipment with a rated capacity less than or equal to 2 MW; and nonresidential customers with fuel cell generating equipment with a rated capacity less than or equal to 1.5 MW.<sup>5</sup> In Section 4, the Service Classifications ("SCs") for non-residential customers was corrected to indicate that these refer to SCs other than SCs 1 and 7. In addition, micro-hydroelectric generation was added to the list of equipment that cannot be combined on the same account as micro-combined heat and power and fuel cell electric generating equipment, in conformance with the provision on Leaf 249. A sub-section was added to Section 4, which is to be completed by applicants for remote net metering.
- Former Section 4, to be completed by applicants for standby service, became Section 5, and former Section 5, to be completed by applicants for SC 11, became Section 6.
- In Section 5 (former Section 4) and in Section 7, the word "efficient" was added to "combined heat and power" ("CHP") to clarify that only efficient CHP is eligible for the "designated technology" exemption from standby service rates. Section 5 was also modified to include applicants for service under General Rule 20.2.1(B)(7) of P.S.C. No. 10 Electricity, under which customers meeting certain requirements may apply for standby service for a single-low tension account by connecting efficient CHP to the Company's high-tension distribution system.<sup>6</sup>
- In Section 6 (former Section 5), which is completed by applicants for SC 11, the choice "don't know" was eliminated from the options of answers regarding whether buy-back customers intend to export.

<sup>5</sup> Net metering was expanded to customers with micro-hydroelectric generators and to non-residential customers with fuel cells, effective April 1, 2012, in Case 11-E-0319.

<sup>6</sup> A further change to Section 5 will be required based on the outcome of the Company's pending tariff filing in Case 11-E-0299, which would create General Rule 20.2.1(B)(8) to allow offsets to multiple standby accounts.

## Conclusion and Notice

Pursuant to the requirements of the Notice, the Company has filed its tariff amendments to bear an effective date of February 1, 2013.

Newspaper publication of these tariff changes will be made on October 18 and 25 and November 1 and 8, 2012.

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

/s/ William A. Atzl, Jr. Director Rate Engineering