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**By Electronic Mail**

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

Re: Cases 16-G-0061, 17-G-0606, 23-G-0147  
Notice Ending Temporary Gas Service Moratorium

Dear Secretary Phillips:

In accordance with Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.'s ("Con Edison" or "Company") Schedule for Gas Service – P.S.C. No. 9 – Gas ("Gas Tariff"), including Section III (General Rules, Regulations, Terms and Conditions under Which Gas Service Will Be Supplied, Applicable to and Made a part of All Agreements for Gas Service), and the Con Edison Public Communication Plan for Natural Gas Moratorium, please be advised that, as of December 1, 2023, Con Edison will end the temporary moratorium, which commenced on March 15, 2019 in most of our Westchester County service territory to address a supply-demand imbalance and support reliability of service to customers in the affected area.

As of November 16, 2023, a combination of lower peak demand forecast and increased supply resulting from the Tennessee East 300 Project coming online resolves the Westchester supply-demand gap, eliminates the need for any delivered services in later years, including near-term elimination of the need for compressed natural gas to support the moratorium region's peak demand, and generally supports reliability of gas service throughout our service territory. The Company met with Department of Public Service Staff on November 8, 2023 to demonstrate that the supply was sufficient based on our forecasts and obtain their concurrence with our modeling.

Con Edison's support for the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act's clean energy goals remains steadfast, as outlined in our Company's Clean Energy Commitment. In alignment with our Commitment, the Company has been actively promoting non-fossil alternatives (*i.e.*, electrification) through various marketing communications/channels and will continue to do so even though the moratorium is being lifted. We provide electrification education and solutions for customers in which we encourage them to consider full-electrification options. We also give them information about subsidies and incentives, rate options, contractors who perform relevant work, and other programs that will enable them to adopt electric heating technologies, like heat pumps, before they submit a gas service application.

We continue to adjust our offerings to accelerate adoption of clean heating solutions. Currently, homeowners are eligible for rebates of \$10,000 for air-source heat

pumps (a promotional increase from \$8,000 through the end of 2023) and up to \$35,000 for ground-source heat pumps. Incentives are also available to commercial and industrial customers. The Company will operate these programs through 2030 according to the budgets prescribed within the New Efficiency: New York proceeding and will expand these programs further when and if additional funding is made available. As of the date of this letter, most ground-source heat pump jobs, and a significant percentage of air-source heat pump jobs, occur in our Westchester service territory. We also are exploring new technology, such as a utility-owned thermal energy network pilot project in Mount Vernon designed to serve up to 76 buildings – a combination of homes, apartment buildings, businesses, and government and community buildings –via a district geothermal network in a disadvantaged community.

Con Edison is actively ushering in the clean energy future. However, the Company has an obligation to serve once sufficient capability to provide reliable gas service becomes available. Additionally, we are subject to anti-discrimination requirements by which we must provide comparable service to all similarly situated customers. Thus, the addition into our system of 115,000 Dt/day, which constitutes sufficient supply to serve customers in the Westchester moratorium region, from the Tennessee East 300 Project and the other factors described above, necessitates lifting the temporary moratorium.

We have operational and communications plans to enable an orderly lifting of the Westchester moratorium. For the duration of the moratorium, Con Edison has given customers several resources, such as information on how to file a non-technical interest notification with the Company to receive future communications (including about when the moratorium is able to be lifted) and instituted a Gas Moratorium Ombudsman's Office to answer customers' questions and concerns. As we lift the moratorium, we will eliminate the Ombudsman's Office and implement communication plans that are tailored to the various stakeholder audiences, as we committed in our Public Communication Plan filing in December 2022.

The Company will communicate with stakeholders via written communication, as described in the Public Communication Plan. The Company will notify local agencies, elected officials, and remove moratorium-specific web pages from coned.com. One week after the lifting of the moratorium, the Company will hold technical meetings with plumbers and general contractors. The Company will also contact customers on the gas service interest list which was maintained during the period the moratorium was in effect, and they will receive information about fossil-free alternatives. All customers who request new service are required to sign an attestation confirming their awareness of New York State clean energy policy goals and the availability of non-fossil fuel alternative heating options.

Con Edison will keep Department of Public Service Staff apprised of its efforts as we end this temporary moratorium.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Edison", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".