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CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.
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NEW YORK, NEW YORK INC.

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

Dear Secretary Renner:

By this filing, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. ("Con Edison" or "the Company") is issuing a new gas tariff entitled "Schedule for Gas Service, PSC No. 9 - Gas" superseding the currently effective "Schedule for Gas Service, PSC No. 8 - Gas." The new schedule bears an initial effective date of March 1, 1999.

Con Edison is filing a new PSC No. 9 gas schedule in response to the Commission's staff guidelines governing the submission of tariffs in electronic format. To effectuate the changeover to electronic filings, it was necessary for the Company to reformat its entire gas tariff according to the specifications provided to all utilities by the Commission staff. These new specifications provide for coding designations, line spacing requirements as well as an overall general redesign of each tariff leaf. In addition, each tariff leaf has been prepared using WordPerfect 5.1/5.2 with each leaf stored in a separate file.

CHANGES REFLECTED IN THE
NEW PSC NO. 9 TARIFF

The text of the PSC No. 9 tariff is identical to the text of the PSC No. 8 tariff it is replacing except that tariff references have been revised and obsolete provisions have been eliminated.

Consistent with the Staff guidelines, the tariff leaves are consecutively numbered, including the title page, from "1" to "397".

New headings and subheadings were added and the format of some text was revised where appropriate for clarity and consistency. Graphics have been eliminated.

All service classifications that were canceled in PSC No. 8 have been eliminated in the preparation of PSC No. 9. However, the Company has designated five service classifications as "reserved for future use."

NOTICES

Enclosed is a "Notice of Agency Action" for publication by the Commission under the provisions of the State Administrative Procedure Act.

Because issuing the new PSC No. 9 gas schedule will not affect the provision of gas service to the Company's gas customers, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission waive the requirements of its rules and regulations relating to newspaper publication of the proposed tariff changes.