

## **Highlights of the Joint Proposal**

### **In the state case against Con Edison for the July 2006 Queens Power Outage**

*[Subject to Approval by the NYS Public Service Commission (PSC)]*

Con Edison will not be allowed to pass on **\$40 million in outage-related costs** and **\$6 million in related carrying charges** to its customers.

Con Edison will provide **\$17 million in shareholder funds for the benefit of communities affected by the July 2006 Queens power outage – a groundbreaking concession for a settlement of this type of case**. Approximately half of that amount will go for refunds, and the other half will pay for community greening/environmental projects and an economic-and-health-impact study. Here are the highlights:

#### **1. Refunds**

- a. Con Ed will provide a bill credit of \$100 to each residential customer** among some 70,400 customers the company identified as affected by the outage (residents are the vast majority of these customers).
- b. Con Ed will issue a payment of \$100 to each of the 2,850 residential claimants** that Con Ed reimbursed for food spoilage after the outage, but **who did not have a direct bill**.
- c. Con Ed customers or claimants who have relocated out of the area since the outage can file claim forms for their refund** (along with ID and written proof that they were located in the outage area in July 2006) within 180 days after the PSC approves the proposal.
- d. Con Edison will provide a bill credit or payment to eligible area nonresidential customers.**

**2. Apology** – Con Edison will include a written apology for the outage on the bills that include the credits or with the mailed payments. The apology will be in Spanish on bills printed in Spanish for Spanish language customers.

#### **3. Impact Study – Including Economic and Public Health Impacts**

- Con Edison will pay up to \$500,000 to a research entity, selected by Western Queens Power for the People (WQPFP) and other proposal signers, for the completion of a study of the impacts of the July 2006 outages on affected communities, including economic and public health impacts.

#### **4. Tree Planting and Other Environmental Initiatives (Greening Projects)**

Using remaining funds not allocated to refunds or the study:

- Con Edison will pay a portion of the remaining funds to a tree-planting organization, selected by WQPFP and other proposal signers, for the planting of trees in neighborhoods affected by the July 2006 outage. (Proposal signers intend these trees to be in addition to any already planned for Queens by the City of New York.)
- Con Edison will pay additional remaining funds to a community-focused foundation, selected by WQPFP and other proposal signers, to serve as a Greening Projects Administrator for other greening/environmental projects in the affected Queens communities. (Proposal signers intend these projects to be in addition to any already funded by other sources.)

### **PROCEDURE**

The Joint Proposal was filed on April 24, 2008 with the New York State Public Service Commission. After submission of support statements, an administrative hearing, a public statement hearing and a comment period, which may generate additional ideas for area greening/environmental projects, the proposal must go to the full NYS PSC for approval before its provisions are implemented.

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