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Kathleen H. Burgess
Secretary
New York State Public Service Commission
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 3
Albany, NY 12223

And by email to secretary@dps.ny.gov

RE: Cases 13-E-0030, 13-0-0031, and 13-S-0032

Dear Ms. Burgess and Commissioners:

I submit this letter in opposition to the request filed by Con Edison in the above three cases for rate increases in electricity, gas and steam service. As you know, earlier this year, the Legislature and the Governor strengthened the law governing this process to ensure that ratepayers were *fully* protected in utility oversight by the Public Service Commission. In large part, these changes were based on the inadequate response of many utility companies, including Con Edison, after Hurricane Sandy.

In my opinion, Con Ed should be judged, in large part, on its performance and service, as well as the State's obligation to provide affordable quality utility service to rate payers. I know that my constituents – the residents of New York State's fourth largest city - can neither afford nor accept rate increases, particularly in the face of last year's experience.

This case provides the Commission with the opportunity to exercise its enhanced authority on behalf of Con Ed ratepayers. I urge the Commission to use that power to reject any proposed rate increases for Con Ed.

Sincerely,