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- 1 Q. Please state your name and business address.
- 2 A. My name is Hector J. Reyes. My business address is 4  
3 Irving Place, New York, NY 10003.
- 4 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
- 5 A. I am employed by Consolidated Edison Company of New  
6 York, Inc. ("Con Edison" or the "Company") as Director  
7 of Benefits and Compensation.
- 8 Q. How long have you been employed by Con Edison?
- 9 A. I have been employed by Con Edison for 33 years.
- 10 Q. Please describe your educational background.
- 11 A. I graduated from Fordham University with a Bachelor of  
12 Science degree in Accounting in 1976. In 1982, I  
13 earned a Master of Science degree in Taxation from Pace  
14 University.
- 15 Q. Please describe your work experience.
- 16 A. I joined Con Edison in 1976 as a Staff Accountant in  
17 Corporate Accounting. Between 1979 and 1981, I was  
18 promoted to different supervisory positions in  
19 Corporate Accounting. In 1983, I was promoted to  
20 Assistant Manager, Accounting Research and Procedures.  
21 In 1988, I was promoted to the position of Manager,  
22 Retirement and Insurance Benefits and in 1989, I was  
23 promoted to the position of Manager of Employee

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1 Benefits. In September 1999, I was promoted to  
2 Director of Benefits and Compensation.

3 Q. Please generally describe your current  
4 responsibilities.

5 A. My responsibilities as Director of Benefits and  
6 Compensation include the development, implementation,  
7 communication, and administration of the Company's  
8 employee benefit and compensation programs.

9 Q. Do you belong to any professional societies or  
10 organizations?

11 A. Yes. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the  
12 New York Business Group on Health ("NYBGH"). NYBGH is  
13 a not-for-profit coalition of 150 health plan sponsors  
14 and health-related organizations the mission of which  
15 is to find practical solutions to contemporary health  
16 care issues in the New York metropolitan area.

17 Q. Have you previously submitted testimony on behalf of  
18 the Company before this Commission?

19 A. Yes. I have either submitted testimony or testified in  
20 a number of Con Edison electric, gas and steam cases.

21 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

22 A. My testimony: (1) explains the Company's forecast of  
23 employee welfare expenses, including projected health  
24 insurance costs for the rate year; (2) addresses the

1 Company's measures to mitigate health care and other  
2 benefit costs; (3) explains the normalization for the  
3 Stock Purchase Plan; (4) discusses changes to mitigate  
4 other post employment benefit ("OPEBs") costs; (5)  
5 demonstrates that the Company's benefit programs are  
6 reasonable; (6) discusses base compensation levels for  
7 the Company's officers; and (7) addresses compensation  
8 for members of the Company's Board of Directors.

9 Q. Please summarize your testimony.

10 A. My testimony explains the forecast of employee welfare  
11 expenses based on historical costs and escalation of  
12 existing programs. These costs are net of any costs  
13 that employees are responsible for paying such as co-  
14 payments and deductibles and also reflect the Company's  
15 wellness efforts over the past several years. Employee  
16 welfare expenses net of capitalization are estimated to  
17 increase approximately \$2.6 million from the historic  
18 year (12 months ended June 30, 2009) to the rate year  
19 (12 months ending September 30, 2011). In addition,  
20 these costs are lower than they otherwise would have  
21 been as a result of the Company's changing its health  
22 plan administrator. I discuss measures the Company has  
23 taken to mitigate health and other benefit costs  
24 related to retirement benefits such as retiree health

1 and pensions. I also demonstrate that the relative  
2 values of the Company's employee benefit programs are  
3 at the median level of a peer group of companies.  
4 Finally, my testimony demonstrates that officer base  
5 compensation levels and compensation for members of the  
6 Company's Board of Directors are a reasonable and  
7 necessary business expense.

8 EMPLOYEE WELFARE EXPENSES

9 Q. Was the document entitled "CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY  
10 OF NEW YORK, INC., ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES  
11 - MAJOR ACCOUNT GROUP 49, EMPLOYEE WELFARE EXPENSES -  
12 PSC ACCOUNT 926.2" prepared under your direction and  
13 supervision?

14 A. Yes, it was.

15 MARK FOR IDENTIFICATION AS EXHIBIT \_\_ (HJR-1)

16 Q. What does this Exhibit show?

17 A. Page 1 of this Exhibit is a summary of the Company's  
18 forecast of employee welfare expenses for the rate year  
19 ending September 30, 2011. This forecast is based on  
20 costs incurred in the historic year, the twelve months  
21 ended June 30, 2009. Lines 1 through 19 show costs for  
22 the Company's employee benefit programs and lines 20 to  
23 24 show health care costs net of employee deductions.  
24 Total employee welfare expenses are shown on line 25.

1 Total employee welfare expenses, net of capitalized  
2 amounts (line 26), are shown on line 27. Page 2 of the  
3 Exhibit is a summary of projected health care costs and  
4 employee deductions for twelve months ending September  
5 30, 2011.

6 Q. Please describe the methods used for escalating  
7 employee benefit costs.

8 A. Three different methods are used to escalate historic  
9 year costs to the rate year costs. First, a labor  
10 factor of 5.78 percent is used to escalate employee  
11 welfare costs that are a function of salaries and  
12 wages. For example, the Thrift Saving Plan provides a  
13 Company match to management employees for a portion of  
14 their contributions; this is escalated using the labor  
15 escalation factor. Second, a non-labor factor of 3.21  
16 percent is used to escalate employee welfare costs that  
17 are unrelated to salaries and wages, such as consulting  
18 services. The Accounting Panel discusses these labor  
19 and non-labor factors. Third, health care costs were  
20 projected utilizing the 2009 actual costs and 2010  
21 premiums based on actual claims experience. For 2011,  
22 health care premiums were then increased by 1.4  
23 percent, which reflects the latest GDP information, as  
24 forecasted by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

1 Q. Does the projection include any programs currently not  
2 available to employees?

3 A. In an effort to mitigate future cost increases while  
4 still offering a competitive benefits program, no new  
5 programs are proposed in this filing. It was assumed  
6 that the programs being offered today will continue  
7 over the next several years.

8 HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS

9 Q. Please explain the increase for health insurance shown  
10 on line 24, page 1 of Exhibit\_\_ (HJR-1).

11 A. Line 24 shows the cost increase of \$1,985,817 for  
12 health insurance less employee contributions.  
13 Projected health care costs for the rate year were  
14 developed by applying the number of employee contracts  
15 as of August 2009 to the forecasted premium rates for  
16 the rate year ending September 30, 2011. Historic year  
17 costs for the long-term disability plan are escalated  
18 using the labor factor. Historic year costs for  
19 benefits administration are escalated using the non-  
20 labor factor. The common cost factor of 16.20 percent  
21 for gas was applied to total projected health care  
22 costs and long-term disability costs to arrive at the  
23 rate year forecast.

1 Q. Does your projection for health care costs include the  
2 change to the health plans as a result of the federal  
3 Mental Health Parity Law which becomes effective  
4 January 1, 2010?

5 A. Yes. The law requires that the plans' benefit  
6 provisions applicable to mental health care be no more  
7 restrictive than the benefit provisions applicable to  
8 the coverage for other medical conditions. As a  
9 result, certain benefit limitations currently imposed  
10 solely on mental health care benefits will be lifted  
11 starting January 1, 2010, increasing the cost of health  
12 care.

13 Q. Why is the Company recommending use of the GDP deflator  
14 for health care costs when it opposed use of the GDP in  
15 recent electric and other rate cases?

16 A. In an attempt to mitigate the revenue requirement  
17 increase in this case and minimize the number of  
18 matters at issue, the Company is escalating health care  
19 costs using the forecasted GDP deflator.

20 Notwithstanding use of the GDP deflator here, we  
21 continue to believe that the use of a higher escalation  
22 factor is necessary to more accurately reflect the  
23 Company's projected health care costs. The Company's  
24 proposal in this case should not be construed as

1 reflecting a different position should the Company  
2 propose to use the higher escalation factor in a future  
3 rate filing.

4 Q. If the Company had not applied the GDP deflator in this  
5 case, what percentage would you have used to estimate  
6 increases in health care costs?

7 A. I would have used 8.0 percent for projecting hospital  
8 and medical costs for 2011 and 7.0 percent for  
9 prescription drug costs. This percentage is based upon  
10 medical inflation trends and projected changes provided  
11 by our health care carriers. This figure is a more  
12 accurate indicator for health care costs which  
13 historically increase well in excess of the GDP. It is  
14 important to note that the Company actually projects  
15 that its hospital and medical costs will increase by  
16 8.0 percent.

17 MEASURES TO MITIGATE COSTS

18 Q. What actions has the Company taken to mitigate health  
19 and welfare costs?

20 A. The Company has taken numerous steps to contain and  
21 mitigate these costs. As described above, the Company  
22 has requested only the GDP deflator amount to escalate  
23 health care costs, rather than using the more accurate  
24 health care costs trends. For 2010, the Company is

1 consolidating plan administrators, which helps to lower  
2 our rate request. In addition, the Company continues  
3 to annually review employees' contribution to health  
4 care costs as a percentage of the total costs as well  
5 as review the features of the health and welfare plans.  
6 This review includes an analysis of high cost claims,  
7 medical diagnostic codes, and prescription drug usage  
8 to identify opportunities to make plan design changes  
9 to mitigate future health care cost increases.

10 Q. What other steps is the Company taking to mitigate  
11 costs?

12 A. As described in greater detail below, the Company  
13 conducts periodic audits of the health and welfare  
14 plans to confirm the correct processing of claims and  
15 that the payment of claims is in accordance with the  
16 plan design for each of the health care options. The  
17 Company educates employees about the plans to encourage  
18 efficient use of the benefit programs. The Company  
19 also offers a number of wellness initiatives, including  
20 a smoking cessation program. For the last several  
21 years, the Company has been providing flu shots. All  
22 of these efforts are intended to encourage employees to  
23 become healthier and better consumers of health care  
24 with the intent that the result may mitigate health

1 insurance costs from the levels that they otherwise  
2 would have been in future years.

3 Q. What other actions has the Company adopted to encourage  
4 healthy life choices?

5 A. Nutrition education services are available to  
6 employees. Healthy food choices help employees better  
7 manage their weight and chronic health conditions such  
8 as diabetes and heart disease.

9 EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

10 Q. Does your proposal reflect an increase for employee  
11 contributions?

12 A. Yes. Contributions are projected to be \$7,418,714 for  
13 the rate year ending September 30, 2011, an increase of  
14 \$216,125 page 1, line 23, of Exhibit \_\_ (HJR-1).

15 Q. Please explain.

16 A. This increase for employee contributions was calculated  
17 as follows: projected employee contributions for  
18 health care expenses are based on the number of  
19 employee contracts as of August 2009 and the 2010  
20 employee contribution rates with the assumption that  
21 management contribution rates will increase by 1.4  
22 percent from 2010 to 2011. The contributions of  
23 employees in Local 1-2 and Local 3 are set by the terms  
24 of the respective Collective Bargaining Agreements.

1 Forecasted employee contributions for the long-term  
2 disability plans are calculated by applying the labor  
3 factor to the historic amounts. The common cost factor  
4 for gas is then applied to the total employee  
5 contribution amount to arrive at the rate year  
6 forecast.

7 Q. Has there been a change in the level of employee  
8 contributions recently?

9 A. Yes. The Company reviews the level of employee  
10 contributions each year. In addition, the Company has  
11 taken a number of steps to increase employee  
12 contributions toward their health care costs in the  
13 form of increases to annual deductibles and co-payments  
14 for the hospital, medical, prescription and dental  
15 plans. For example, in 2006, the annual medical  
16 deductible for employees under one of the management  
17 plans was \$400 per person. This same deductible in  
18 2010 will be \$500 per person. The co-payment for a  
19 physician office visit under this management plan was  
20 \$18 in 2006; in 2010, the co-payment will be \$24. For  
21 the prescription standard plan, a management employee  
22 paid an annual deductible of \$50 per family in 2006;  
23 the deductible in 2010 will be \$75 per person.

24 Q. Have similar changes been made for union employees?

1 A. Yes. The Company negotiated with UWUA Local 1-2 and  
2 IBEW Local 3 for union members to increase deductibles  
3 and co-payments during the term of the Collective  
4 Bargaining Agreements. In 2006 a UWUA Local 1-2 member  
5 had an annual deductible of \$400 per person/\$1,200 per  
6 family under the premium plan for a non-participating  
7 physician. In 2010, the annual deductible for the same  
8 choice will be \$500 per person/\$1,500 per family. The  
9 office visit co-payment for a participating physician  
10 was \$18 for each visit in 2006 for a UWUA Local 1-2  
11 member. In 2010, the office visit co-payment for the  
12 same choice by a Local 1-2 member will increase to \$24  
13 per visit. Under the dental plan for members of UWUA  
14 Local 1-2, the annual deductible for one of the choices  
15 in 2006 was \$50 per person for a participating dentist.  
16 In 2010, the annual deductible for a participating  
17 dentist for the same choice will be \$125 per person, an  
18 increase of 150 percent.

19 Q. Please describe some of the increases in employee  
20 contributions for IBEW Local 3 members.

21 A. For IBEW Local 3 members, the annual medical deductible  
22 for one of the options was \$375 per person and \$1,125  
23 per family in 2006. This same option will have an  
24 annual medical deductible of \$500 per person and \$1,500

1 per family for 2010 for IBEW Local 3 members. The  
2 office visit co-payment for a participating provider  
3 was \$18 for this same option in 2006. In 2010, the  
4 office visit co-payment for a participating provider  
5 will be \$22 for members of IBEW Local 3. The annual  
6 deductible applicable for use of a participating  
7 dentist under the preferred dentist program was \$50 per  
8 person in 2006. Starting in 2010, union employees in  
9 this same dental plan will be paying an annual  
10 deductible of \$100 per person for services performed by  
11 a participating dentist in the preferred dentist  
12 program.

13 Q. Does the rate year forecast reflect plan design changes  
14 implemented for management employees and negotiated for  
15 UWUA Local 1-2 and IBEW Local 3 members?

16 A. Yes. The rate year forecast reflects an estimate of  
17 offsets to the employee welfare plan costs of \$2.8  
18 million from employee co-payments and deductibles in  
19 the rate year. Each year, the Company reviews health  
20 care costs and employee contributions and works towards  
21 employees' contributions keeping pace with the  
22 increases in health care costs.

23 Q. Please continue.

1 A. I would just note that the health care costs may be  
2 significantly affected by potential federal legislation  
3 that is currently being discussed. If legislation is  
4 enacted in the near term, the Company will update its  
5 projected costs in line with update procedures  
6 applicable to this proceeding. In the longer term, we  
7 would note that the new laws provision proposed by the  
8 Accounting Panel/Muccilo, regarding future changes in  
9 laws and rules that may affect both customers and the  
10 Company, is particularly important as respects to  
11 potential changes in health care rules and laws.  
12 Absent adoption of the new laws provision, I propose  
13 that the Commission authorize a deferral mechanism  
14 applicable to potential changes in health care costs.  
15 As discussed by the Company's Gas Operations Panel, the  
16 currently-effective rate plan adopted by the Commission  
17 includes such a provision for distribution integrity  
18 program expenses, based upon pending consideration of  
19 such changes by the Department of Transportation. The  
20 potential change in health care costs as a result of  
21 new laws and rules warrants a comparable approach.

22 OTHER COST CONTROL MEASURES

23 Q. Has the Company taken any other initiatives to manage  
24 health care costs?

1 A. Yes. The Company continually looks for ways to manage  
2 health care costs. For example, as noted above, as of  
3 January 1, 2010, the Company's hospital and medical  
4 plans will be administered by one vendor, CIGNA. Other  
5 steps taken to manage health care costs include, among  
6 other efforts, undertaking cost containment programs,  
7 such as Case Management and Behavioral Health,  
8 requiring that certain rules be followed by  
9 participants or reimbursement will be denied, and  
10 providing savings incentives under the prescription  
11 program to encourage participants to use more generic  
12 prescriptions. These efforts and others are described  
13 below.

14 Q. Please explain the change to CIGNA.

15 A. Prior to implementing this change, several vendors  
16 administered the Company's hospital and medical plans.  
17 As a result of consolidating the administration of the  
18 plans under one vendor, the Company will realize a  
19 total Company-wide savings of \$1.5 million in  
20 administrative costs in 2010. This is reflected in the  
21 2010 premiums included in this filing.

22 Q. Are there other features of the Company's health plans  
23 that help to mitigate health care costs?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. Please describe these features.

2 A. To help manage the continued rise in health care costs  
3 and mitigate future cost increases, the Company  
4 continues to undertake cost containment programs, such  
5 as Case Management, which will continue to be offered  
6 by CIGNA. As part of the change to CIGNA, we will also  
7 continue to offer Behavioral Health case management  
8 services, and CIGNA's 24-Hour Health Information Line.

9 Q. Please explain these programs.

10 A. Each of these programs is designed to assist the  
11 employee/dependent to obtain the most appropriate  
12 treatment and avoid unnecessary medical procedures and  
13 tests, which may mitigate future health care cost  
14 increases. More specifically, when an individual is  
15 faced with a serious illness, such as major head  
16 trauma, severe burns, spinal cord injury, and other  
17 illnesses, Case Management services are available to  
18 assist the individual and the family members to obtain  
19 and coordinate effective treatment and services. For  
20 mental health care, CIGNA Behavioral Health will review  
21 and manage the mental health treatment plan developed  
22 for the patient in an effort to use resources  
23 effectively. All employees and dependents will have  
24 access to a 24-Hour Health Information Line. This

1 health information line, available at any time of the  
2 day and any day of the year, will provide employees and  
3 dependents with access to a health information nurse.

4 A nurse will answer health questions and offer guidance  
5 and self-care techniques. Employees and dependents  
6 will also be able to access the Health Information  
7 library which covers more than 1,000 topics on tape.

8 Q. Will there be additional programs designed to help  
9 mitigate health care costs in the future?

10 A. Yes. CIGNA has a Health Advisor Program that is  
11 designed to facilitate healthy behaviors and promote  
12 the achievement of health-related goals for at-risk  
13 individuals. CIGNA also offers Well Aware Disease  
14 Management Programs to address 30 health conditions,  
15 including heart disease, asthma, diabetes, and lower  
16 back pain. These programs are developed in accordance  
17 with recognized subject matter experts, the American  
18 Heart Association, the American Academy of Allergy,  
19 Asthma and Immunology, the American Diabetes  
20 Association and others.

21 Q. Will there be other programs to assist employees and  
22 dependents with their lifestyle choices with benefits  
23 to health care costs?

1 A. Yes. CIGNA will be offering programs called Healthy  
2 Steps to Weight Loss and Stress Management Program.  
3 Both programs are designed to encourage lifestyle  
4 choices that will benefit the health of our employees  
5 and dependents.

6 Q. What other actions has the Company taken to help  
7 control the increase in health care costs?

8 A. As explained further below, the Company encourages  
9 employees and dependents to take a greater role in  
10 managing their health care expenditures. Employees  
11 failing to follow certain procedures in obtaining  
12 medical care and services may not be reimbursed for  
13 incurred expenses. For example, if an employee or  
14 dependent needs durable medical equipment and  
15 prosthetic devices, pre-notification to the insurance  
16 carrier is required. Treatment plans are required by  
17 the claims administrator for physical and occupational  
18 therapy, speech therapy, and services performed for  
19 diagnosis or treatment of dislocations, subluxations or  
20 misalignment of the vertebrae before such programs may  
21 begin. Emergency room visits will only be covered for  
22 an accidental injury or a sudden/serious illness.

23 Q. Has the Company taken any measures to control  
24 prescription drug costs?

1 A. Yes. We believe that employees and their families can  
2 help the Company mitigate plan costs as well as their  
3 out-of-pocket costs by being a better consumer at the  
4 point of purchase. To help educate employees and their  
5 families to be better consumers, CVS/Caremark prepares  
6 a report for each employee and dependent which  
7 highlights their expenditures and opportunities for  
8 savings. This report, sent annually to the employee  
9 and family members, contains information on how the  
10 employee and the Company could achieve savings on  
11 future prescriptions by using the more efficient and  
12 less expensive mail order program or switching from a  
13 more expensive brand name drug to a less expensive  
14 generic substitute, when available. The first report  
15 was mailed in October 2008; another report was mailed  
16 in August 2009.

17 Q. Has the Company seen any change in the number of  
18 employees using the mail order program?

19 A. Yes. The number of prescription drugs filled through  
20 mail order continues to increase. In 2008, 53 percent  
21 of prescription drugs were filled using the mail order  
22 option. Between January and September 2009, the  
23 percentage of prescription drugs filled through mail  
24 order was 61 percent, which results in a savings of

1 approximately \$1.8 million, which is reflected in our  
2 projected premium costs. In addition, beginning during  
3 the first quarter of 2009, the Company further  
4 encouraged use of lower cost prescription options  
5 because CVS pharmacies began to offer to fill  
6 prescriptions at the same cost as mail orders due to a  
7 corporate merger with Caremark.

8 Q. Please explain why the CVS option was helpful.

9 A. Some employees have commented that they do not use the  
10 mail order feature because of such concerns as  
11 prescriptions being lost in the mail. We expect that  
12 the availability of the CVS option will address the  
13 fear of lost prescriptions and will encourage more  
14 employees to take advantage of the prescription/pick-  
15 up/mail order feature, which does not alter home  
16 mailing of prescriptions.

17 Q. Has there been an increase in the generic dispensing  
18 rate for prescription drugs?

19 A. Yes. The year-to-date (January to September) 2009  
20 generic dispensing rate was 56.3 percent compared to  
21 the generic dispensing rate of 54.6 percent in 2008.  
22 This increase in the generic dispensing rate will  
23 result in savings, however, the level of savings is  
24 dependent on the cost of the specific brand name drugs

1 compared to the cost of the generic drugs. Our plan  
2 design allows CVS/Caremark to substitute the generic  
3 drugs when it is processed through the mail order  
4 feature unless the prescription indicates no  
5 substitutions. In that case, CVS/Caremark will try to  
6 contact the prescribing physician to determine whether  
7 the physician will allow the prescription to be filled  
8 using the generic drug rather than the brand name drug.  
9 Nevertheless, savings achieved are reflected in our  
10 projected premium costs.

11 AUDITS OF COMPANY VENDORS

12 Q. What other measures has the Company taken to manage  
13 health care costs?

14 A. The Company initiates periodic independent audits of  
15 the hospital, medical and prescription drug vendors  
16 (Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Healthcare, GHI and  
17 CVS/Caremark) to check that the programs are being  
18 administered according to the plan design and claims  
19 are being processed correctly.

20 Q. What is the time frame for any audits currently being  
21 conducted?

22 A. There is a current audit reviewing the claims for GHI  
23 for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

24 Q. When do you expect this audit to be completed?

1 A. The report is expected to be completed by end of year  
2 2009.

3 Q. Have any audits been recently completed?

4 A. Yes. Audit reports for United Healthcare (for the  
5 years 2006 and 2007), CVS/Caremark audit (for the years  
6 2004-2007) and Blue Cross Blue Shield audit (for the  
7 years 2004-2007) are all expected to be completed by  
8 the end of 2010.

9 Q. Can you please summarize the results of these audits?

10 A. Generally, our experience has been that the amount of  
11 overpayment has been very small. For example, the  
12 preliminary findings of these audits reveal an  
13 overpayment of \$162,184 for United Healthcare, \$12,468  
14 overpayment for Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield and an  
15 overpayment of \$12,744 for CVS/Caremark.

16 Q. What happens when an overpayment is found?

17 A. The health care vendors will reimburse the Company.

18 STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

19 Q. What is the adjustment for the Stock Purchase Plan?

20 A. The historic year costs for the Stock Purchase Plan  
21 include the Company matching contribution on dividend  
22 reinvestments for two quarters rather than Company  
23 match for four quarters worth of dividends. This was a  
24 result of a clerical error. As such, a normalizing

1 adjustment of the variation of the costs for two  
2 quarters, or \$498,000, is included in the revenue  
3 requirement.

4 POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS ("OPEB")

5 Q. Please describe the Company's OPEB programs.

6 A. The Company's OPEB programs are comprised of the  
7 Retiree Health Program, which includes major medical,  
8 hospitalization, vision and pharmaceutical benefits.  
9 The Company also offers a limited retiree term-life  
10 insurance program.

11 Q. What is the status of the Company's OPEB plan?

12 A. Starting with the Retiree Health Program, CECONY offers  
13 retirees who have 75 points (adding age and years of  
14 service to equal 75 points) at the time they  
15 retire/terminate from employment and their eligible  
16 dependents a voluntary contributory Retiree Health  
17 Program. The Retiree Health Program offers enrolled  
18 retirees different coverage options which include  
19 several HMOs, a prescription drug plan and a  
20 comprehensive hospital, medical and vision care plan  
21 with a network of participating providers. Once a  
22 retiree or covered dependent becomes eligible for  
23 Medicare, the Retiree Health Program coordinates his or  
24 her health care expenses with Medicare. For Medicare

1 eligible retirees, Medicare is the primary payer of  
2 hospital and medical claims and the Retiree Health  
3 Program is the secondary payer. Under the prescription  
4 drug plan, once a retiree and covered dependent becomes  
5 eligible for Medicare Part D, the Retiree Health  
6 Program submits the retiree's claim information to  
7 Medicare, which will determine if the company is  
8 eligible to receive a Federal "Retiree Drug Subsidy" on  
9 behalf of the Medicare eligible retiree or covered  
10 dependent. The Company also provides certain retired  
11 management employees limited retiree term-life  
12 insurance equal to \$50,000 a year. Certain retired  
13 union employees may purchase up to \$30,000 of coverage  
14 in units of \$10,000.

15 Q. Please discuss the steps the Company takes annually to  
16 manage or mitigate the overall costs of OPEBs.

17 A. The Company reviews on an annual basis its OPEBs to  
18 determine the effectiveness of implementing cost  
19 containment programs and other changes to mitigate  
20 future cost increases. This review includes a  
21 determination of how much the Company will charge the  
22 retirees electing to participate in the Retiree Health  
23 Program and plan design changes to deductibles and co-  
24 payments. Additionally, the Retiree Health Program was

1 amended, as detailed below, to provide for a method to  
2 share the total expense associated with the Retiree  
3 Health Program with the participating retiree and their  
4 covered dependents.

5 Q. How did the Company amend its OPEB plan to reflect this  
6 cost sharing method?

7 A. The Retiree Health Program was amended, beginning in  
8 calendar year January 1, 2008, to limit what the  
9 Company contributes toward the cost of the Retiree  
10 Health Program. The Company's contribution is limited  
11 to the 2007 plan year's per capita contribution ("2007  
12 Contribution Amount") plus an inflation adjustment  
13 equal to the change in the Consumer Price Index for All  
14 Urban Consumers ("CPI-U"). Changes to the Company's  
15 2007 Contribution Amount will be fixed each year by the  
16 increase in the CPI-U and not by the increase in health  
17 care costs. Each year, if the cost for the Retiree  
18 Health Program is expected to be more than the increase  
19 in the CPI-U, the cost increase above the change in the  
20 CPI-U will be passed on to participating retirees and  
21 their covered dependents in the form of a higher  
22 monthly contribution.

23 Q. What are the annual savings from this plan amendment?

HECTOR J. REYES - GAS

1 A. This plan amendment was implemented in 2002 and was  
2 first recognized for accounting purposes in the  
3 calculation of the 2002 retiree health expense. Since  
4 that time, the benefits of this amendment have been  
5 reflected annually in the accounting cost. As a method  
6 to quantify this type of annual savings, if the  
7 amendment was first measured in 2008 rather than when  
8 it was first recognized for accounting purposes in  
9 2002, a conservative estimate of the annual savings  
10 from this plan amendment when applied to the 2008 plan  
11 results is approximately \$20 million of savings.

12 Q. Please explain how this change has impacted the  
13 Company's contribution and the retiree's contribution  
14 to the Retiree Health Program in 2008 and 2009.

15 A. Beginning on January 1, 2008, the Company's  
16 contribution to health care costs increased by only 2.3  
17 percent and the retiree's contribution increased  
18 approximately 31 percent. This change resulted in an  
19 increase to retirees' contribution from 17 percent in  
20 2007 to approximately 22 percent of the Retiree Health  
21 Program costs in 2008. Beginning on January 1, 2009,  
22 retiree contributions toward health care costs were  
23 increased slightly and are expected to remain at 22  
24 percent of the Retiree Health Program's costs. In

1 2010, the retiree contributions (under age 65) for  
2 hospital, medical, and vision will increase 6.0 percent  
3 from the prior year; the retiree contributions (under  
4 age 65) for prescription drug coverage will increase  
5 22.4 percent. For retirees with family coverage over  
6 age 65, their contributions for hospital, medical and  
7 vision will increase 10.1 percent. The retirees will  
8 be contributing an additional 22.4 percent for  
9 prescription drug coverage.

10 Q. Will the Company's and retirees' contribution toward  
11 Retiree Health Program cost continue to be made in the  
12 same manner in future years?

13 A. Yes. The Company expects to follow this method in  
14 future years, which limits the Company's annual cost to  
15 the 2007 per capita base amount plus the cumulative  
16 increases in annual CPI-U.

17 Q. What other steps has the Company taken to address the  
18 cost of OPEBs?

19 A. On January 1, 2006, the Company amended the Retiree  
20 Health Program to qualify for the Medicare Retiree Drug  
21 Subsidy.

22 Q. Please describe the plan amendment.

23 A. The Company takes full advantage of the Retiree Drug  
24 Subsidy Program established by the Medicare

1 Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of  
2 2003 ("Medicare Part D Act"). Under the Medicare Part  
3 D Act, employers providing "actuarially equivalent  
4 prescription drug coverage" to Medicare eligible  
5 retirees, receive a 28 percent tax-free subsidy from  
6 the federal government for allowable prescription drug  
7 costs incurred by those retirees. The Company's health  
8 care actuary has determined that its prescription drug  
9 plan provides a benefit that is at least actuarially  
10 equivalent to the Medicare prescription drug plan which  
11 means that the Company is eligible to receive the tax-  
12 free subsidy. The Company has received retiree drug  
13 subsidy payments for each year from 2004 through 2008.  
14 The subsidy payment for 2009 has not been received by  
15 the Company at this time although we have estimated it  
16 below. The 2010 application to receive the Retiree  
17 Drug Subsidy has been filed.

18 Q. What is the cost savings associated with the Retiree  
19 Drug Subsidy?

20 A. The Company has seen the following cost savings from  
21 2004 to 2009:

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(\$ millions)	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
OPEB before Medicare Rx subsidy	\$41.8	\$86.6	\$85.5	\$102.1	\$102.6	\$110.3
OPEB after Medicare Rx subsidy	\$23.5	\$62.6	\$55.6	\$ 70.0	\$ 70.2	\$ 78.0
Savings from Subsidy	\$18.3	\$24.0	\$29.9	\$ 32.1	\$ 32.4	\$ 32.3

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2 Q. Has the Company made any other recent amendments to its  
3 OPEB plan?

4 A. Yes. On January 1, 2008, the Retiree Health Program  
5 was amended to provide same sex domestic partners with  
6 retiree health care benefits after the death of the  
7 retiree. The surviving same sex domestic partner would  
8 pay the full cost of providing this extended coverage.

9 Q. Are there any savings associated with this plan change?

10 A. No. This change is revenue neutral.

11 Q. Are there any other steps the Company has implemented  
12 to reduce OPEB costs that have not required plan  
13 amendments?

14 A. The Company links some of its Retiree Health Program's  
15 deductibles to those set by various Medicare plans.  
16 For example, the Company's retiree hospital/medical

1 deductible is 50 percent of the Medicare Part A  
2 deductible. The federal government has increased the  
3 Medicare Part A deductible each year and the Company  
4 has increased its deductibles accordingly.

5 Q. Has the Company implemented any other cost saving  
6 steps?

7 A. Yes. In 2009, the Company negotiated additional  
8 discounts with its prescription drug plan vendor  
9 resulting in savings of \$4.9 million for the plan.

10 Q. Are there any other Company efforts to contain OPEB  
11 costs?

12 A. Yes. The Retiree Health Program includes various cost  
13 containment features, such as 24-Hour Health  
14 Information Line (CIGNA's program,) which I described  
15 earlier in my testimony.

16 Q. Have there been any other initiatives with respect to  
17 the Company's OPEB plan that were considered and  
18 rejected?

19 A. No. In fact, other than the reductions set forth  
20 above, there have been no changes to the Retiree Health  
21 Program.

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RETIREMENT PLAN

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- 2 Q. Please provide a description of the most recent
- 3 amendments to The Consolidated Edison Retirement Plan
- 4 ("Retirement Plan").
- 5 A. The Consolidated Edison Retirement Plan has a number of
- 6 amendments that impact Consolidated Edison Company of
- 7 New York, Inc. ("CECONY") employees starting in 2001 to
- 8 the present. Some of the amendments were required for
- 9 tax qualification purposes or were a result from
- 10 collective bargaining agreements with members of Local
- 11 1-2 or Local 3. Some of the amendments increased the
- 12 liability and other amendments decreased the liability
- 13 of the Retirement Plan. For example, CECONY management
- 14 employees hired on or after January 1, 2001, accrue
- 15 pension benefits under a cash balance formula. The
- 16 cash balance formula significantly reduces the
- 17 Retirement Plan's future liabilities attributed to new
- 18 hires.
- 19 Q. Are there any other amendments to the Retirement Plan
- 20 that reduce the Retirement Plan's future liability?
- 21 A. Yes. Effective as of June 27, 2004, the pension
- 22 benefit for married members of Local 1-2 members who
- 23 were first hired after June 27, 2004 will be

1 actuarially reduced for payment in the form of a  
2 qualified joint and 50 percent survivor benefit.

3 Q. Are there any other amendments reducing the Retirement  
4 Plan's future liability?

5 A. Yes. The pension benefit for a union employee  
6 represented by Local 3, IBEW, has been significantly  
7 modified. First, employees hired on or after June 26,  
8 2005, and prior to January 1, 2010, will not be  
9 eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment on the pension  
10 benefit after retiring. Second, for employees hired on  
11 or after June 26, 2005 and prior to January 1, 2010 the  
12 pension benefit for married employees will be  
13 actuarially reduced for payment in the form of a  
14 qualified joint and 50 percent survivor benefit.  
15 Third, the pension formula for employees hired on or  
16 after January 1, 2010, will be a cash balance formula  
17 as opposed to the traditional four-year average  
18 formula.

19 Q. Please explain the most recent amendments to the  
20 Retirement Plan.

21 A. The Retirement Plan was amended for union employees  
22 represented by Local 1-2 CECONY, effective July 1,  
23 2008, and for CECONY Management Employees, effective  
24 January 1, 2009, to provide a retention incentive for

1 certain long service employees continuing their  
2 employment with the Company through the June 30, 2012.  
3 This benefit was not included in the Local 3 contract  
4 that was negotiated in June 2009.

5 Q. How does the retention incentive work?

6 A. Employees on the active payroll who are age 55 and have  
7 30 or more years of service with the Company or will  
8 turn age 55 with 30 or more years of service during the  
9 period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2012, for union  
10 members of Local 1-2 or January 1, 2009, through June  
11 30, 2012, for management employees qualify for a  
12 special pension accrual. The special pension accrual  
13 is equal to 0.5 percent of final average salary for  
14 each year of service above 30 years and applies  
15 prospectively. The special pension accrual period  
16 sunsets after June 30, 2012.

17 Q. Are there any additional changes being proposed for the  
18 Retirement Plan in the near future?

19 A. No.

20 BENEFIT PROGRAM COMPARISON

21 Q. How do the Company's benefit programs for non-officer  
22 employees compare with the benefit packages of  
23 similarly situated companies?

- 1 A. The Company believes that providing competitive  
2 benefits and compensation is essential in attracting  
3 and retaining employees. The Company has taken a very  
4 conservative approach in targeting its benefits package  
5 to the median levels of a peer group of companies.
- 6 Q. How did you reach the conclusion that the Company's  
7 benefits package is at the median level of a peer group  
8 of companies?
- 9 A. I made this conclusion based on the results of a  
10 benefits valuation study developed Towers Perrin, a  
11 benefits consultant. This study is confidential, but  
12 the Company is willing to provide the study provided  
13 that an appropriate protective order is issued or  
14 confidentiality agreement signed in this proceeding.
- 15 Q. Please explain the results of the benefits valuation  
16 study conducted by Towers Perrin.
- 17 A. Towers Perrin determines the value of benefits provided  
18 by companies by applying a standard set of actuarial  
19 methods and assumptions to a common employee  
20 population. This quantitative evaluation of each  
21 company's benefit provisions and overall benefit  
22 program facilitates a comparison of these benefit  
23 values against peer companies.

1 Q. Did Towers Perrin compare Con Edison's benefit program  
2 to a peer group of comparable companies?

3 A. Yes, Towers Perrin compared the Company's benefit  
4 programs, excluding employee contributions, to  
5 similarly situated energy services companies.

6 Q. How does the Company's benefit program for management  
7 employees compare to the peer group of companies used  
8 by Towers Perrin?

9 A. When compared with the benefit programs (excluding  
10 employee contributions) for the peer group of  
11 companies, the Company's benefit programs provided to  
12 employees are reasonable and deemed at the median level  
13 of the peer group.

14 COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR OFFICERS

15 Q. What are the elements of the Company's compensation  
16 program for its officers?

17 A. The Company's compensation program for its officers is  
18 comprised of three elements: base salary, annual awards  
19 and equity grants.

20 Q. Please describe the Company's compensation philosophy.

21 A. The Company's philosophy is to provide base salary,  
22 annual awards and equity grants that are competitive  
23 with the median levels of officer compensation provided  
24 by a peer group of companies. We believe that setting

1 compensation levels at the median of our peer group of  
2 companies allows the Company to be competitive in the  
3 labor market and to fairly compensate, attract and  
4 retain employees critical to the success of the  
5 Company. The objective of the officer compensation  
6 program is to support the Company's business strategy,  
7 which includes such objectives as providing customers  
8 with quality service, earning a reasonable return for  
9 investors, and providing an environment where employees  
10 can continue to improve their contributions to the  
11 Company. As such, annual award and equity grants are  
12 linked to financial, budget and operational goals  
13 important to both customers and investors.

14 Q. Please describe how you establish compensation levels  
15 for officers.

16 A. The Management Development and Compensation Committee  
17 of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "MDC  
18 Committee") establishes, reviews and administers the  
19 Company's officer compensation program. The MDC  
20 Committee has retained Mercer as an independent  
21 compensation consultant, to provide it with  
22 information, analyses, and objective advice regarding  
23 officer compensation. The MDC Committee uses an  
24 industry peer group of twenty publicly-traded utility

1 companies of comparable size and scope to the Company  
2 for purposes of providing benchmark information on  
3 compensation levels provided to officers. This peer  
4 group is also used to measure relative total  
5 shareholder returns for vesting one half of the  
6 performance based restricted stock units grants.

7 Q. Is the cost of the annual awards and equity grants for  
8 officers included in this rate request?

9 A. No. The Company has mitigated the rate request in this  
10 proceeding by electing not to seek recovery of the  
11 annual awards and equity grants provided to the  
12 Company's officers, even though the costs of these  
13 programs are also reasonable and necessary business  
14 expenses the Company must incur to meet its obligation  
15 to provide safe and reliable service to its customers.  
16 (See Accounting Panel Exhibit \_\_ (AP-5), Schedule 1,  
17 page 3 of 6, line items number 15 and 31, which removes  
18 this cost from the rate request).

19 Q. Are you presenting as an exhibit a one-page document  
20 entitled "ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK - PEER GROUP."

21 A. Yes.

22 MARK FOR IDENTIFICATION AS EXHIBIT \_\_ (HJR-2)

23 Q. What does this Exhibit show?

1 A. This material, prepared by Mercer, shows the twenty  
2 utility companies used by the MDC Committee in  
3 comparing and evaluating the Company's officer  
4 compensation program.

5 Q. Are you presenting as an exhibit a three-page document  
6 entitled "MARKET ASSESSMENT - TOP EXECUTIVES BASE  
7 SALARY (\$000)" and "MARKET ASSESSMENT - OTHER  
8 EXECUTIVES BASE SALARY (\$000)?"

9 A. Yes.

10 MARK FOR IDENTIFICATION AS EXHIBIT \_\_ (HJR-3)

11 Q. What does this Exhibit show?

12 A. This material, also prepared by Mercer, compares the  
13 Company's base officer compensation to the base  
14 compensation of officers holding equivalent positions  
15 at the peer group of companies.

16 Q. How does the Company's officer base compensation  
17 compare to the base compensation of officers holding  
18 equivalent positions at the peer group of companies?

19 A. Mercer reviewed and benchmarked the Company's officer  
20 compensation program comprised of base salary, annual  
21 awards and long-term equity grants. When compared with  
22 the base compensation levels reported in proxies for  
23 the peer group of companies for the top-five highest  
24 paid, base salary is deemed to be competitive with the

1 median levels using both proxy and survey data. For  
2 the remaining officers, base compensation was found to  
3 be around the median level with some positions above  
4 and some below the median range.

5 Q. What is Mercer's conclusion regarding the overall level  
6 of the Company's officer compensation program?

7 A. Mercer has concluded that based on publicly available  
8 proxy data, base salary, annual awards and equity  
9 grants for officers are competitive with the median of  
10 the market.

11 DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION

12 Q. Please explain the Directors' compensation package.

13 A. Members of the Board who are not employees of the  
14 Company are paid an annual retainer fee as well as a  
15 fee for each meeting attended, and receive an annual  
16 grant of 1,500 stock units.

17 Q. Do you agree that the annual equity grant is a  
18 reasonable component of Directors' compensation?

19 A. Yes, the stock awards for the Board of Directors, which  
20 replaces a retirement plan, are part of their total  
21 compensation package. In a study of Director  
22 compensation conducted by the Board's compensation  
23 consultant, Mercer, it was found that total Director  
24 compensation is aligned with the median levels of both

1 the twenty company peer group and a general industry  
2 (\$10 - \$15 billion total market capitalization)  
3 reference group.

4 Q. Are the costs of equity compensation for Directors a  
5 reasonable and necessary business expenses?

6 A. Stock awards for the Board of Directors are part of  
7 their basic compensation package and are a reasonable  
8 cost of attracting and retaining qualified Directors.  
9 These equity awards are a basic component of  
10 compensation, which is required to be deferred until  
11 the Director's termination of service from the Board.

12 Q. Are the stock award grants to the Board of Directors  
13 considered incentive compensation?

14 A. No. There are no financial or other performance  
15 metrics used to determine the stock grants because it  
16 is neither pay-for-performance nor incentive  
17 compensation. Moreover, in the Liberty Consulting  
18 Group's report entitled, "Final Report, Management  
19 Audit of Consolidated Edison Company of New York,  
20 Inc.," Liberty consultants concluded that the Company's  
21 stock-based compensation for outside Directors comports  
22 with industry practice. Liberty explained that Con  
23 Edison's use of stock as part of the compensation  
24 program is like that used by other large utilities, and

1 it makes sense to use stock as a piece of compensation  
2 packages because that does reward or penalize  
3 participants, along with stockholders. This is a  
4 reasonable and ordinary business expense.

5 Q. The Order in Case 08-E-0539 (pp. 56-57) stated,  
6 "Because the compensation is in the form of stock, it  
7 provides greater benefit to the directors, all other  
8 things being equal, if the Company performs well  
9 financially, to the benefit of shareholders independent  
10 of any benefit to ratepayers." Do you agree?

11 A. No, I do not. First, this statement ignores the fact  
12 that Directors will receive a lesser benefit, all else  
13 being equal, if the Company does not perform well  
14 financially. Second, as explained by Company witness  
15 de la Bastide in the context of the Company's Variable  
16 Pay Plan, both customers and investors benefit, without  
17 distinction, in the short-run, and particularly in the  
18 long-run, from a well-managed company, including when  
19 the Company performs well financially.

20 Q. Please comment on the Commission's statement (Order,  
21 pp. 56-57) that the Company provides no reason why it  
22 cannot compensate Directors in some other form that is  
23 not aligned with the interests of shareholders.

- 1 A. The issue is not whether the Company can provide  
2 compensation in some other form. Of course it can.  
3 However, this statement does not explain why customers  
4 would be better off if rates reflected cash payments  
5 rather than stock awards or indicate that the Company's  
6 approach is not comparable to the approach taken by its  
7 peers. The Director's role is one of oversight and  
8 judgment to protect the interests of shareholders and  
9 customers by seeing that the officers are managing the  
10 Company in an effective, ethical and legal manner.  
11 Fairly compensating Directors for that role is a  
12 reasonable and necessary business expense. If such  
13 compensation is fair and reasonable, the form of  
14 payment should not determine whether it is recoverable  
15 in rates.
- 16 Q. Why does the Company provide dividend equivalents to  
17 Directors as part of their compensation?
- 18 A. The stock awards granted to Directors do not entail the  
19 issuance of actual shares of stock but instead are  
20 required to be deferred until the Director's  
21 termination of service from the Board. Dividend  
22 equivalents are paid to Directors to compensate them  
23 for the time value of money associated with the  
24 mandatory deferral of a portion of their compensation.

1 Q. Why is rate recovery of the dividend equivalents  
2 appropriate?

3 A. If the Company had provided Directors with actual  
4 shares of stock, customers would have incurred the full  
5 equity return on the value of the additional equity  
6 included in the Company's capital structure. The  
7 Company's use of stock units avoids issuing additional  
8 equity, thereby avoiding this cost for customers. This  
9 avoided cost offsets the cost of the dividend  
10 equivalent. In addition, had the Company paid this  
11 portion of Director's compensation in cash, it would  
12 have had to incur additional financing costs.  
13 Accordingly, to the extent rate recovery of the stock  
14 awarded to Directors is permitted, the costs of the  
15 dividend equivalents associated with the stock units  
16 should also be recoverable.

17 Q. Does this complete your testimony?

18 A. Yes, it does.

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**CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES - MAJOR ACCOUNT GROUP 49**  
**EMPLOYEE WELFARE EXPENSES - PSC ACCOUNT 926.2**  
**GAS**

LINE NO.	12 MONTHS ENDED 06/30/09 ACTUAL	NORMALIZATION	PROGRAM CHANGE	ESCALATION	12 MONTHS ENDING 9/30/11 RATE YEAR	LINE NO.
1. Thrift Savings Plan	\$3,189,148	\$0	\$0	\$166,846 [N]	\$3,355,994	1.
2. Group Life Insurance	323,228	0	0	33,026 [O]	356,254	2.
3. Military Duty Allowance	19,443	0	0	1,124 [L]	20,567	3.
4. Restaurants & Newsstands	15,103	0	0	485 [M]	15,588	4.
5. Stock Purchase Plan	396,062	80,676	0	22,030 [A]	498,768	5.
6. Stock Option Plan	5,036	0	0	162 [M]	5,198	6.
7. Deferred Income Plan	(1,242,522)	1,242,522	0	0 [P]	0	7.
8. Tuition Aid	914,676	0	0	29,361 [M]	944,037	8.
9. Occupational Supplement	465,724	0	0	20,297 [D]	486,021	9.
10. Company Clubs	4,986	0	0	160 [M]	5,146	10.
11. Employee Publications & Communications	91,924	0	0	4,781 [C]	96,705	11.
12. Scholarship for Employees' Children	21,257	0	0	682 [M]	21,939	12.
13. Child Care & Elder Care Consulting Serv.	23,295	0	0	748 [F]	24,043	13.
14. Financial Counseling Service	48,898	0	0	1,570 [J]	50,468	14.
15. Consulting Services	279,345	0	0	8,967 [E]	288,312	15.
16. Occupational Accidental Death	8,922	0	0	286 [M]	9,208	16.
17. Work Home Wellness Program	334,623	0	0	10,741 [G]	345,364	17.
18. World Trade Center	197,371	0	0	6,336 [I]	203,707	18.
19. Sub-Total	<u>5,096,519</u>	<u>1,323,198</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>307,602</u>	<u>6,727,319</u>	19.
<b>Health Insurance</b>						
20. Dental	1,972,401	0	(97,757)	0	1,874,644	20.
21. Prescription Drug Plan	4,236,234	0	135,983	0	4,372,217	21.
22. Hospital & Medical Insurance	20,514,279	0	2,163,987	0	22,678,266	22.
23. Employee Deductions	(7,202,318)	0	(216,396)	0	(7,418,714)	23.
24. Sub-Total	<u>19,520,596</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,985,817</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,506,413</u>	24.
25. Total Employee Welfare Expenses	<u>\$24,617,115</u>	<u>\$1,323,198</u>	<u>\$1,985,817</u>	<u>\$307,602</u>	<u>\$28,233,732</u>	25.
26. Capitalization	<u>11,133,698</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>966,121</u>	<u>18,306</u>	<u>12,118,125</u>	26.
27. Net of Capitalization	<u>\$13,483,417</u>	<u>\$1,323,198</u>	<u>\$1,019,696</u>	<u>\$289,296 [Q]</u>	<u>\$16,115,607</u>	27.

[A] to [J] Labor escalation 5.78%; non-labor escalation 3.21%; new/expanded programs, if any  
[L] Escalation is based on labor factor of 5.78%  
[M] Escalation is based on non labor factor of 3.21%  
[N] Escalation-labor 5.78%; non labor factor 3.21%; employee contributions/match  
[O] premiums & 5 yr avg for dividends  
[P] refer to Accounting Panel's testimony  
[Q] does not include fringe benefits for of new hires; see testimony of Accounting Panel

**CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.**  
**SUMMARY OF HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS**  
**GAS CASE**  
**RATE YEAR FORECAST**  
**TWELVE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

DENTAL - MET LIFE & ASO		\$1,874,644
PRESCRIPTION DRUG - CAREMARK	4,338,722	
RETIRED KEY OFFICERS' PRESCRIPTION DRUG	33,495	
TOTAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG	<u>4,372,217</u>	
HOSPITALIZATION - BLUE CROSS	6,829,689	
MEDICAL - UNITED HEALTHCARE	9,552,618	
MEDICAL - GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	3,622,787	
RETIRED OFFICERS' MEDICAL - UHC	180,417	
HMO - BLUE CROSS/BLUE CHOICE	295,930	
HMO - HIP	414,380	
HMO - AETNA/U.S. HEALTHCARE	520,766	
HMO - MVP	162,524	
VISION - COMPREHENSIVE VISION	100,513	
MANAGEMENT LONG TERM DISABILITY	477,858	
WEEKLY LONG TERM DISABILITY	418,357	
FLEXIBLE BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION	80,877	
PRINTING & MAILING OF HEALTH PLANS	4,392	
CASE MGMT. PROGRAMS	17,158	
TOTAL HOSPITALIZATION & MEDICAL		<u>22,678,266</u>
<b>TOTAL GROSS HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS</b>		<b>28,925,127</b>
EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS		<u>(7,418,714)</u>
<b>TOTAL NET HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS</b>		<b><u><u>\$21,506,413</u></u></b>

## Analytical Framework – Peer Group

The review used the current peer group and does not recommend any changes to it

Company Name	Ticker	2008 Revenue (\$M)	2008 Net Income (\$M)	2008 Assets (\$M)	Market		
					Capitalization - April 2009 (\$M)	1-Yr TSR - Dec. 2008 (%)	3-Yr TSR - Dec. 2008 (%)
Constellation Energy	CEG	\$19,818	\$1,301	\$22,284	\$4,329	74%	-22%
Exelon	EXC	\$18,859	\$2,737	\$47,817	\$30,388	-30%	4%
Southern	SO	\$17,127	\$1,807	\$48,347	\$22,609	0%	7%
FPL Group	FPL	\$16,410	\$1,639	\$44,821	\$22,096	-23%	10%
Dominion Resources	D	\$16,290	\$1,851	\$42,053	\$17,683	-22%	1%
PG&E Corp.	PCG	\$14,628	\$1,338	\$40,860	\$13,615	-6%	5%
American Electric Power	AEP	\$14,440	\$1,389	\$45,155	\$12,577	-25%	0%
Edison Int'l	EIX	\$14,112	\$1,266	\$44,615	\$9,289	-38%	-7%
FirstEnergy	FE	\$13,580	\$1,342	\$33,521	\$12,468	-31%	3%
Duke Energy	DUK	\$13,207	\$1,362	\$53,077	\$17,723	-22%	3%
Entergy	ETR	\$13,094	\$1,241	\$36,617	\$12,698	-28%	10%
CenterPoint Energy	CNP	\$11,322	\$447	\$19,676	\$3,716	-23%	4%
Xcel Energy	XEL	\$11,203	\$646	\$24,958	\$8,395	-14%	5%
Pepco Holdings	POM	\$10,824	\$300	\$16,475	\$2,621	-36%	-3%
Sempra Energy	SRE	\$10,758	\$1,123	\$26,400	\$11,257	-29%	1%
DTE Energy	DTE	\$9,329	\$546	\$24,590	\$4,830	-14%	-1%
Progress Energy	PGN	\$9,167	\$830	\$29,873	\$9,501	-13%	2%
NiSource	NI	\$8,874	\$79	\$20,032	\$3,015	-39%	-15%
PPL	PPL	\$8,044	\$948	\$21,405	\$11,227	-39%	5%
Ameren	AEE	\$7,839	\$615	\$22,657	\$4,892	-35%	-9%
75th Percentile		\$15,044	\$1,367	\$44,667	\$14,632	-20%	5%
Median		\$13,150	\$1,182	\$31,697	\$11,242	-27%	2%
25th Percentile		\$10,401	\$598	\$22,564	\$4,877	-35%	-2%
Average		\$12,946	\$1,010	\$33,262	\$11,771	-27%	0%
Consolidated Edison	ED	\$13,583	\$1,207	\$33,498	\$10,183	-16%	-1%
Percentile Rank		58th	51st	53rd	44th	78th	29th

## Market Assessment – Top Executives Base Salary (\$000)<sup>1</sup>

Base salary is generally positioned at the market median for both proxy and survey data

### Findings

- Overall, proxy data and survey data show that Con Ed's base salaries for its top executives are competitive with the market median
- Individual base salaries for the Top 5 officers are competitive with market median levels of both the proxy and survey data except for the EVP
  - The EVP's base salary is competitive with 75<sup>th</sup> percentile proxy and survey data levels

Position	Current Base Salary	Proxy Peer Group						Survey Data					
		25th		50th		75th		25th		50th		75th	
		Data	Ratio	Data	Ratio	Data	Ratio	Data	Ratio	Data	Ratio	Data	Ratio
Chairman Of The Board/CEO	\$1,136	\$1,080	105%	\$1,172	97%	\$1,283	89%	\$1,032	110%	\$1,202	94%	\$1,366	83%
EVP	\$747	\$566	132%	\$613	122%	\$675	111%	\$513	146%	\$592	126%	\$664	112%
President & COO	\$655	\$659	99%	\$679	97%	\$817	80%	\$610	107%	\$675	97%	\$804	82%
SVP & CFO - Finance	\$599	\$511	117%	\$539	111%	\$577	104%	\$467	128%	\$547	110%	\$618	97%
General Counsel - Law	\$500							\$427	117%	\$493	101%	\$553	90%
<b>Overall</b>			<b>113%</b>		<b>107%</b>		<b>96%</b>		<b>122%</b>		<b>106%</b>		<b>93%</b>

The figures in *blue italics* represent Con Ed as a percentage of market levels.

## Market Assessment – Other Executives Base Salary (\$000)

Overall, base salary levels are positioned at median, with significant variation by individual

Position	Current Base Salary	Survey Data					
		25th		50th		75th	
		Data	Ratio	Data	Ratio	Data	Ratio
SVP - Public Affairs	\$396	\$290	136%	\$317	125%	\$384	103%
SVP - Enterprise Shared Services	\$388	\$310	125%	\$397	98%	\$534	73%
SVP - Business Shared Services	\$383	\$310	124%	\$397	96%	\$534	72%
SVP - Customer Operations	\$347	\$176	197%	\$215	161%	\$270	128%
SVP - Electric Operations	\$319	\$259	123%	\$286	112%	\$351	91%
SVP - Gas Operations	\$312	\$245	127%	\$330	95%	\$413	75%
VP - Regulatory Services	\$341	\$190	179%	\$238	144%	\$264	129%
VP - Legal Services	\$339	\$223	152%	\$251	135%	\$283	120%
SVP - Central Operations	\$283	\$276	102%	\$312	91%	\$445	64%
VP - Government Relations	\$306	\$211	145%	\$282	109%	\$336	91%
VP/Treasurer - Treasury	\$299	\$258	116%	\$283	106%	\$323	93%
VP - Environment, Health & Safety	\$291	\$181	161%	\$211	138%	\$236	124%
VP - Strategic Planning	\$273	\$222	123%	\$291	94%	\$375	73%
Secretary & Associate General Counsel	\$270	\$233	116%	\$260	104%	\$303	89%
VP - Central Engineering	\$263	\$212	124%	\$277	95%	\$295	89%
VP - Information Resources	\$259	\$251	103%	\$301	86%	\$358	72%
VP - Facilities	\$257	\$145	177%	\$176	146%	\$204	126%
VP - Energy Management	\$257	\$197	130%	\$243	106%	\$312	82%

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## Market Assessment – Other Executives Base Salary (\$000)

Overall, base salary levels are positioned at median, with significant variation by individual *continued*

Position	Current Base Salary	Survey Data					
		25th		50th		75th	
		Data	Ratio	Data	Ratio	Data	Ratio
VP - Engineering & Planning	\$256	\$227	113%	\$297	86%	\$315	81%
VP - Manhattan	\$255	\$234	109%	\$300	85%	\$353	72%
VP - Tax	\$248	\$217	115%	\$251	99%	\$288	86%
VP - Gas Engineering	\$241	\$156	154%	\$188	129%	\$224	108%
VP - Brooklyn/Queens	\$229	\$234	98%	\$300	76%	\$353	65%
VP - Human Resources	\$228	\$274	83%	\$321	71%	\$371	62%
VP/Controller - Corporate Accounting	\$223	\$263	85%	\$293	76%	\$313	71%
VP - Central Field Services	\$227	\$179	126%	\$208	109%	\$244	93%
VP - Staten Island & Electric	\$225	\$236	95%	\$291	77%	\$363	62%
VP - Bronx/Westchester	\$225	\$234	96%	\$300	75%	\$353	64%
VP - Gas Operations	\$224	\$208	107%	\$231	97%	\$295	76%
VP - Construction	\$224	\$182	123%	\$222	101%	\$253	89%
VP - Steam Operations	\$221	\$205	108%	\$239	93%	\$305	72%
VP & General Auditor - Auditing	\$218	\$211	103%	\$233	94%	\$252	87%
VP - Substation Operations	\$217	\$202	107%	\$255	85%	\$295	73%
VP - Energy Policy & Regulatory Affairs	\$213	\$190	112%	\$238	90%	\$264	81%
VP - Purchasing	\$210	\$176	119%	\$210	100%	\$248	85%
VP - System & Transmission Operations	\$196	\$202	97%	\$255	77%	\$295	66%
<b>Overall</b>			<b>122%</b>		<b>102%</b>		<b>87%</b>

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