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Case 06-E-0894 - Investigation of Con Edison Electric Power Outages in Long Island City Electric Network.

To Active Parties:

This proceeding was instituted on July 26, 2006<sup>1</sup> and on August 14, 2006, Chief Administrative Law Judge Judith A. Lee appointed me to preside. My preliminary concern is to establish procedures for the thorough, fair, and expeditious execution of the staff investigation commenced by the Instituting Order, in order to meet the expectations of the Commission that Staff conduct a "comprehensive examination of the circumstances surrounding the failure of the feeders and the outages, the events that led to the failures and outages, Con Edison's response, communication and restoration efforts, the need for changes to Con Edison's practices and procedures to avoid similar failures and outages in the future, and the costs incurred by Con Edison related to the failures and outages."<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, I invite active parties to submit procedural proposals, including schedules, for my consideration, no later than close of business Tuesday, August 29, 2006. If parties intend to seek technical conferences or evidentiary hearings

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<sup>1</sup> Case 06-E-0894, *Investigation of Con Edison Electric Power Outages in Long Island City Electric Network*, Order Instituting Proceeding and Directing Staff Investigation (Instituting Order), issued July 26, 2006.

<sup>2</sup> Instituting Order, pp. 1-2.

these proposals should be included. In addition, parties may submit proposals concerning additional public involvement and the schedule for additional public statement hearings.

It would be ideal for parties - some or all - to agree to a joint proposal on process and schedule, to ensure all parties' principal procedural concerns are addressed. Following the submission of these proposals, I will issue a procedural ruling and convene a procedural conference as necessary.

Eleanor Stein  
Administrative Law Judge