

Con Edison Continues To Restore Power in Westchester County

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NEW YORK, July 20, 2006 – Con Edison crews continue to respond to outages and restore power to customers in Westchester County. The company's goal is to restore all customers by Sunday.

Con Edison's around-the-clock work continues following a devastating storm that left in its wake a tangle of downed trees and power lines, and approximately 30,000 customers without electrical service. Electricity has been restored to about 18,000 customers and 12,000 remain out of service. Areas with the largest outages include White Plains, Yonkers, Greenburgh, Scarsdale and New Rochelle.

Mutual aid crews are working in the area from utilities throughout New York State – Energy East, National Grid, Central Hudson. In addition, 10 Orange & Rockland utility company line crews and three supervisors rolled over the Tappan Zee Bridge and into Westchester just after dawn today to assist Con Edison crews already working to restore electric service.

In many areas, the electrical system will have to be rebuilt from the ground up. Once the downed power lines are separated from the fallen trees and the debris cleared from the streets, Con Edison crews will have to erect new poles, mount replacement transformers and run spans of new overhead wire. All of this work must be carried out with the safety of the workers and the public as the top priority.

Dry ice locations have been established at the Kohl's Shopping Center in Port Chester and Cross County Shopping Center in Yonkers. We will relocate one site to the Bloomingdale's parking lot in White Plains tomorrow.

Con Edison reminds customers who may find a downed power line to treat it as if it is live; stay away from it and call the company at 1-800-75 CONED. That number also may be used to report power outages.

Con Edison remains in contact with the Westchester County Department of Emergency Services and local police departments.

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