

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report
(Date of earliest event reported)
December 2, 2004

Consolidated Edison, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-14514
(Commission File Number)

13-3965100
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

4 Irving Place, New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

10003
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code
(212) 460-4600

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-1217
(Commission File Number)

13-5009340
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

4 Irving Place, New York, New York
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code
(212) 460-4600

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The material attached hereto as Exhibit 99, which is incorporated in this Item 7.01 by reference thereto, is furnished pursuant to Regulation FD.

ITEM 8.01 Other Events

On December 2, 2004, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison of New York), a regulated utility subsidiary of Consolidated Edison, Inc. (Con Edison), entered into a Joint Proposal with the staff of the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) and other parties with respect to the rates the company can charge its customers for electric service. The Joint Proposal is subject to PSC approval.

The Joint Proposal covers the three-year period from April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2008, and provides for increases in delivery service rates of \$104.6 million, effective April 1, 2005, and \$220.4 million, effective April 1, 2007. In addition, the company will retain the first \$60 million of proceeds from the auction of transmission rights (transmission congestion contracts) in each of the three years. The rate increases are lower than they otherwise would have been as a result of the amortization of certain regulatory assets and liabilities, the net effect of which will be to increase recorded electric revenues by \$128 million, \$232 million and \$190 million in each of the 12-month periods ended March 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively.

Additional provisions of the Joint Proposal include:

- retention of 50 percent of any earnings between an 11.4 percent and 13 percent return on equity and 25 percent of earnings in excess of a 13 percent return on equity (based upon the company's actual capital structure, subject to a maximum equity ratio of 50 percent of capitalization), with the remainder of such earnings to be deferred for the benefit of customers;
- annual reconciliation of actual transmission and distribution utility plant, net of depreciation, to the levels reflected in rates, with the revenue requirement impact of such difference (i.e., rate of return and depreciation) deferred as a regulatory asset or liability, as the case may be;
- annual reconciliation of pension and other post-employment benefit costs, environmental remediation costs and, if the variation exceeds 2.5 percent, property taxes and the cost of moving facilities to avoid interfering with governmental projects (interference costs) to the amounts for such costs reflected in electric rates, with the difference deferred as a regulatory asset or liability, as the case may be; provided, that only 50 percent of the difference can be deferred as a regulatory asset if the annual return on equity is between 11.4 percent and 13 percent and there is to be no deferral of the difference if the annual return on equity is in excess of 13 percent;

- recognition of a \$100 million (pre-tax) accounting charge in 2004 to resolve certain issues raised in this proceeding, related primarily to the treatment of prior period pension credits;
- potential positive earnings adjustments if the company meets certain standards for its retail access and demand side management programs, and potential negative earnings adjustments if it does not meet certain standards for: (i) frequency and duration of service interruptions; (ii) major outages; (iii) repair, removal or replacement of damaged poles, temporary shunts, street lights, traffic signals and circuit breakers; and (iv) customer service; and
- continuation of provisions for the recovery from customers on a current basis of the cost of purchased power and fuel.

Neither Con Edison nor Con Edison of New York anticipates any material changes to its 2005 financing plans as a result of the Joint Proposal.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99 Fact Sheet for Electric Rate Case Joint Proposal

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CONSOLIDATED EDISON, INC.

CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY
OF NEW YORK, INC.

By /s/ Edward J. Rasmussen

Edward J. Rasmussen
Vice President and Controller

DATE: December 2, 2004

Fact Sheet for Electric Rate Case Joint Proposal
Filed December 2, 2004

JOINT PROPOSAL

1. Rate plan

- Three years: April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2008

2. Rate increases and rate base

- The joint proposal provides for the following
 - First year rate increase of \$104.6 million (1.3%),
 - A rate freeze for the second year, and
 - Third year rate increase of \$220.4 million (2.5%) to reflect plant additions, property taxes, and O&M increases, partially offset by sales growth for RY2 and RY3.
- Each year, the Company will retain the first \$60 million of proceeds from the auctions of Transmission Congestion Contracts.
- Accounting credits (net of debits) will be reflected in pre-tax income in each of the three years, as follows:

RY1	\$128 million
RY2	232
RY3	190
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Total Credits	\$550 million
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- The rate base in this agreement is:
 - \$9.3 billion in rate year 1,
 - \$9.6 billion in rate year 2, and
 - \$10.3 billion in rate year 3.
 - The net T&D plant levels reflected in the rate plan will be reconciled each year to the level set in rates and a carrying charge (pre-tax rate of return and depreciation) on any variation will be deferred for future recovery or refund to ratepayers.
 - Excluded from the rate base in each year of the rate plan is about \$200 million of T&D capital expenditures which the Company expects to spend. Carrying costs for this investment are covered by this provision for T&D plant reconciliation.

- East River Repowering Project (ERRP)
 - The capital costs of ERRP are recorded in the steam department accounts. Approximately two-thirds of ERRP's capital costs are billed to the electric department and collected from electric customers through the fuel adjustment clause.
 - The total rate base for ERRP is expected to be approximately \$575 million. Equity earnings on the ERRP rate base will be reflected in the steam department once the plant is placed in service.
- The Company will record for accounting purposes (in 2004) a one-time pre-tax charge to earnings of \$100 million to resolve various issues raised in the proceeding related mainly to the treatment of prior pension credits retained by the Company.

3. Earnings threshold and capital structure

- Earnings of between 11.4% - 13.0% ROE are shared 50/50 with customers.
- Earnings above 13.0% ROE are shared 75/25 customers/shareholders.
- The equity ratio used in this calculation will be the actual equity ratio, with a cap of 50%.

4. Reconciliations

- Full reconciliation (without limitation) of all T&D capital spending to the levels provided in rates, including carrying costs at a pre-tax rate of return plus depreciation
- Reconciliation for pension and OPEB costs, and environmental remediation costs.
- Continued deferral of all spending related to Lower Manhattan restoration, with a pretax AFDC rate of return.
- Reconciliation of property taxes and interference costs above or below a dead band of 2.5%.
- Limitations on reconciliations:
 - If earnings exceed an 11.4% ROE but fall below a 13.0% ROE, only 50% of the above reconcilable items can be deferred;
 - If earnings exceed a 13.0% ROE, none of the above reconcilable items can be deferred
 - Deferrals related to T&D capital spending and spending related to Lower Manhattan restoration are recovered in full with no limitation.
- Fuel and purchased power continue to be recovered on a current basis.

5. Performance based adjustments

- Incentives for:
 - Retail access migration
 - Demand side management goals
- Negative revenue adjustment for failure to meet operating standards for:
 - Frequency and duration of service interruptions
 - Major outages
 - Repair, removal or replacement of damaged poles, temporary shunts, street lights, traffic signals and circuit breakers
 - Customer service standards for call response, meter reading and customer satisfaction

More information

For a copy of the Joint Proposal go to the Con Edison Website at <http://www.coned.com> and select "Investor Information".