

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

August 13, 2025

Michelle L. Phillips  
Secretary to the Commission  
New York State Department of Public Service  
Agency Building 3  
Albany, NY 12223-1350

RE: “Case 25-E-0072 – Con Edison” and “Case 25-G-0073 – Con Edison.”

Dear Secretary Phillips,

We write to express our objection to Consolidated Edison’s (Con Edison’s) request to raise electric rates by 18% and natural gas rates by 18.8%.<sup>1</sup> While Con Edison reported \$791 million in profits in Q1 2025, an 8.2% increase from Q1 2024,<sup>2</sup> thousands of working-class New Yorkers are behind on their utility bills, facing high energy burdens and the risk of shutoffs. In fact, Con Edison’s own numbers show that in June 2025, 371,720 residential accounts were behind on their bills for a total of \$838 million in arrears.<sup>3</sup> Con Edison also sent over 120,000 final termination notices, while conducting over 16,000 disconnections for nonpayment.<sup>4</sup>

In February, 2025, many of us wrote to your Department,<sup>5</sup> noting that we had worked in Congress over the previous four years to pass the American Rescue Plan Act and Inflation Reduction Act, historic investments that led to a decrease in inflation, interest rates, and energy costs.<sup>6</sup> Today, these achievements are at risk. Despite running on lowering costs, the Trump administration has proposed eliminating the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and has cut staff at key offices responsible for increasing energy efficiency and lowering energy costs.<sup>7</sup> Worse, the Republican-passed One Big Beautiful Bill Act will repeal key provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act, leading to an estimated \$140 annual increase in New York energy bills by 2030.<sup>8</sup> Now is not the time to raise rates even further.

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<sup>1</sup> “Proposed Major Revenue Increase for Rate Year Ending December 31, 2026.” State of New York Department of Public Service, January 31, 2025. <https://dps.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2025/02/con-edison-broadcast-memo-for-web-2-25.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Con Edison. “Con Edison Reports 2025 First Quarter Earnings | Con Edison,” 2025. <https://www.coned.com/en/about-us/media-center/news/2025/05-01/con-edison-reports-2025-first-quarter-earnings>.

<sup>3</sup> See, Con Edison’s Collections Activity Report, June 2024, in 91-M-0744, at <https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=91-M-0744>

<sup>4</sup> Id.

<sup>5</sup> Representative Ocasio-Cortez. “Ocasio-Cortez Leads Letter Urging New York State to Reject Con Edison’s Double-Digit Rate Hikes, Urges Energy Company to ‘Go back to the Drawing Board,’” February 21, 2025. <https://ocasio-cortez.house.gov/media/press-releases/ocasio-cortez-leads-letter-urging-new-york-state-reject-con-edisons-double-0>.

<sup>6</sup> “U.S. Wholesale Electricity Prices Were Lower and Less Volatile in 2024 - U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA).” 2024. Eia.gov. 2024. <https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=64284>.

<sup>7</sup> LeMoult, Craig. “Trump Budget Proposal Would End Energy Assistance Program for Low-Income Americans.” NPR, May 15, 2025. <https://www.npr.org/2025/05/15/nx-s1-5389917/trump-budget-proposal-would-end-energy-assistance-program-for-low-income-americans>.

<sup>8</sup> “Economic Impacts of the U.S. ‘One Big Beautiful Bill Act’ Energy Provisions on New York.” Accessed July 30, 2025. <https://energyinnovation.org/wp-content/uploads/OBBBA-impacts-on-New-York.pdf>.

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We strongly urge the Public Service Commission to stand up for our constituents and reject Con Edison's rate hike request. Rapidly rising utility bills are not sustainable and will only result in even more customers falling behind on their bills or, worse, facing potential service termination.

Sincerely,



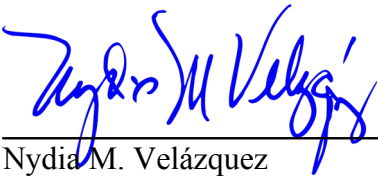
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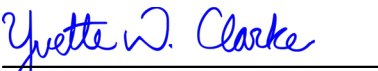
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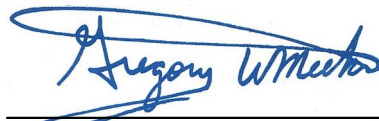
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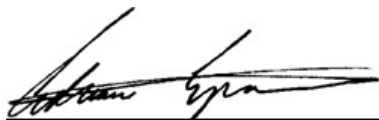
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