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NEW YORK STATE RELIABILITY COUNCIL COMPLIMENTS CON EDISON FOR WORLD TRADE CENTER RESTORATION

The New York State Reliability Council, L.L.C. ("NYSRC"), the entity responsible for the reliability standards for the New York State Bulk Power System, has commended Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. ("Con Edison") for its exemplary performance in its rapid restoration of electric service to lower Manhattan following the events of September 11, 2001.

The tireless efforts of Con Edison employees is recognized, especially the thousands who worked rotating twelve hour shifts to restore service and the extraordinary degree of cooperation between the company and state and city agencies and the New York Independent System Operator. As a result of this extraordinary effort, more than 36 miles of electric cable was rapidly installed and local electric networks, previously served by two substations which were totally destroyed, were successfully switched to other, undamaged substations.

Particular attention is called to the higher standards of reliability applicable to the New York metropolitan area because of its high density population, its many high-rise buildings, and its critical importance as an economic and media center. The added protection inherent in these more stringent reliability standards facilitated the reconfiguration of local electrical networks and the transfer of electric service to undamaged substations. Without these higher reliability standards, the restoration of electric service in lower Manhattan would have taken far longer.

The NYSRC is a not-for-profit organization established to promote and preserve the reliability of the New York State Power System through the promulgation and monitoring of reliability rules. These reliability rules are applicable to the New York Independent System Operator and all entities engaged in electric power transactions on the New State Power System. More information about the NYSRC is available on its web site: "www.nysrc.org".