

Con Edison Power Restoration Efforts Continue

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NEW YORK, NY, Jun 28, 2007 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Con Edison (NYSE: ED) crews continued working through the night to restore power to customers who lost service following a series of violent thunderstorms that tore through the company's service area yesterday. Heavy rain and wind toppled trees and power lines causing severe damage to the electrical system resulting in power outages throughout New York City and Westchester County.

In Westchester County, Mamaroneck, New Rochelle, White Plains, Larchmont, Rye, and Harrison were among the hardest hit communities. Queens and Staten Island bore the brunt of the storm in the New York City.

Customers can report power interruptions or service problems online at www.conEd.com, or by calling Con Edison's toll-free customer service number 1-800-75-CON ED (1-800-752-6633). When reporting an outage, customers should have their Con Edison account number available, if possible, and report whether their neighbors also have lost power.

When severe outages occur, primary distribution feeders will be restored first, with the highest priority given to lines that supply the most customers out of service. Next, the crews will restore secondary facilities, such as transformers and secondary cables, again with highest priority given to lines supplying the most customers out of service. Individual services and lines serving single homes will be restored as crews become available.

The company offers the following safety tips for its customers:

- If you see downed electrical wires, do not go near them. Treat all downed wires as if they are live. Never attempt to move or touch them with any object. Be mindful that downed wires can be hidden from view by tree limbs, leaves or water.
- Report all downed wires to Con Edison and your local police department immediately. If a power line falls on your car while you're in it, stay inside the vehicle and wait for emergency personnel.
- If your power goes out, turn off all lights and appliances to prevent overloaded circuits when power is restored. Leave at least one light switch in the on position to alert you when power has been restored.
- Avoid opening your freezer to see if food is still frozen. Every time you open the door, room-temperature air enters and speeds the thawing process. Most fully loaded freezers will keep food frozen for approximately 36 to 48 hours; half-full freezers will keep food frozen for approximately 24 hours.

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