



Con Edison Restores Power Outages in the Aftermath of Hurricane Isabel

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NEW YORK, Sept 19 /PRNewswire/ -- Con Edison crews worked through the night, and will continue working through today, restoring electric power to customers whose service was interrupted as high winds and rain from Hurricane Isabel buffeted the region. Fallen trees and branches accounted for nearly 24,000 customers losing power overnight. By 9:30 a.m. today, power was returned to more than 18,500. The majority of the power outages were in Staten Island and Westchester County.

Con Edison has more than 400 crews, including 26 brought in from New England, assigned to the difficult job of repairing the damage to its electric system. Tree-trimming crews are assisting in the removal of fallen debris to provide safe clearance for workers to restore service as quickly as conditions allow.

Early mobilization of materials, equipment and personnel enabled the company to react quickly to power outages. Additional customer service representatives were brought in to handle incoming calls about storm-related problems. Customers should call 1-800-75-CONED to report any power outages.

Throughout the storm, Con Edison remained in close contact with the New York City Office of Emergency Management and the Westchester County Office of Emergency Services to coordinate storm preparation efforts.

Con Edison is a subsidiary of Consolidated Edison, Inc. [NYSE: ED], one of the nation's largest investor-owned energy companies, with \$9 billion in annual revenues and approximately \$19 billion in assets. The utility provides electric, gas and steam service to more than 3 million customers in New York City and Westchester County, New York. For additional financial, operations and customer service information, visit Con Edison's Web site at www.coned.com.

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