Con Edison Crews Working Around the Clock to Restore Power in Westchester

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77,000 Customers Restored - Full Restoration Nearly Complete

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 /PRNewswire/ -- Con Edison has nearly 430 crews working throughout the day and into tonight continuing to restore power to the remaining 1,000 customers without power in sections of Westchester. Crews have been working steadily to identify and repair damaged equipment after tropical storm Ernesto rampaged the region with high winds and torrential rain last weekend.

The company has restored service to approximately 77,000 customers.

Crews have been removing trees, repairing damaged equipment and replacing overhead cables and transformers. The downed trees toppled over 125 poles, destroyed more than 80 transformers and required the company to replace more than 900 wires throughout the region. In addition to Con Edison crews, the company has received assistance from utilities in upstate New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Rhode Island in making repairs.

The company will deploy dry ice to three locations today with Customer Outreach support personnel at the site. The locations are:

* Yonkers Cross County Shopping Center;
* New Rochelle Fire Dept. at 60 Beauford Pl.
* The Armonk IBM Route 22 location

Safety is Con Edison's top priority as its crews restore electrical power to customers. Con Edison also warns people to avoid any downed electrical wires, to treat any wires as live and immediately report any downed wires to the company by calling 1-800-75-CONED. Customers who remain without power, should report any outages to that same number.

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