



Con Edison Urges Customers in Sunset Park, Bay Ridge, Borough Park and Park Slope to Reduce Their Use of Electricity

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NEW YORK, NY, Jul 20, 2008 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Con Edison is asking all customers in Sunset Park, Bay Ridge, Borough Park, and Park Slope to discontinue their use of non-essential electrical appliances, including air-conditioning, until problems on electrical power lines serving the area can be resolved. The company is reporting power outages to approximately 2,000 customers in that area at this time.

As a precaution, Con Edison has implemented an eight percent voltage reduction in the affected area while repairs are being made.

The affected area includes approximately 89,000 customers, and is bounded by 3rd and 4th Streets on the north, the Gowanus Canal on the west, and south and Fort Hamilton Parkway on the east.

Company crews are working now to repair the problem. Con Edison has asked customers in these areas not to use appliances such as washers, dryers, air conditioners and other energy-intensive equipment and to turn off lights and televisions when not needed until the equipment problems are resolved.

The company urges customers to 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.

The equipment problems in Sunset Park, Bay Ridge, Borough Park, and Park Slope have no effect on the rest of the Con Edison system. Con Edison will provide updates to affected customers both directly and through the media as the situation warrants. The company is in constant communication with the New York City Office of Emergency Management.

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