



Con Edison Urges Customers In Northwest Queens Area To Reduce Their Use Of Electricity

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NEW YORK, July 20, 2006 - Con Edison continues to urge all customers in the Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, Hunters Point and Astoria neighborhoods of Queens to discontinue their use of non-essential electrical appliances and equipment until problems on electrical cables can be resolved. The utility is experiencing difficulties in this area and customer cooperation will help ensure uninterrupted electric service.

The affected area is bounded by the East River on the west and north, the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway on the east and Newtown Creek on the south.

Company crews are working now to rectify the problem. Con Edison has asked customers in the affected 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 feeder cable problems are resolved.

The cable problems in the northwest Queens 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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