

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>SUTHERLAND L FREDERICK</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>CONSOLIDATED EDISON, INC.</u> <u>4 IRVING PLACE, ROOM 1618-S</u> _____ (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10003</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CONSOLIDATED EDISON INC [ED]</u>
4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Peter J. Barrett, Attorney-in-Fact

04/05/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Power of Attorney

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Saddle L. Smith, Peter J. Barrett and Marisa Joss and each of them, the undersigned

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a Director of Consolidated Edison, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with the instructions thereon;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, 4, or 5 and to file the same with the appropriate authorities;

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interests of, and for the benefit of the undersigned.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, and proper to carry out the powers hereinbefore conferred, and to execute and file the same, and to do and perform any and all other acts and things which such attorney-in-fact may deem necessary and proper to carry out the powers hereinbefore conferred.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's obligations under the applicable provisions of the applicable laws and regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 4th day of April 2006.

/s/ L. Frederick Sutherland

L. Frederick Sutherland