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Dear Secretary Burgess,

The Public Utility Law Project of New York, Inc. does not oppose the request for extension of the suspension period proposed by Con Edison.

We do not, however, agree to the proposed delay of the ALJs' work on a Recommended Decision. I believe a Recommended Decision would better frame the issues raised by all the parties in this case, regardless whether the commission eventually reviews a unanimous settlement proposal, a non unanimous settlement proposal, or decides a fully litigated case.

Presumably the ALJs' work is well underway and nearing completion, as it would need to be issued very

soon in order to mesh with the existing litigation schedule.

Although there are no settlement negotiations scheduled at this time, there is no obstacle to further settlement discussions now or after a Recommended Decision is issued. As indicated by Con Edison's CFO Robert Hoglund, a Recommended Decision in these rate cases is "not preclusive of further settlement...." Mr. Hogland's remarks at the Barclay's CEO Energy-Power Conference, Sept. 11-13, 2013, are at minute 29 and following here: ~~http://cc.talkpoint.com/barc002/091113a_lp/?entity=114_W76PQGW~~

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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