

Law & Major Contracts Meeting Agenda



Committee Chair: David Imamura

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Monday, March 10, 2025

1:00 PM

Committee Room

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CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Emiljana Ulaj will be participating remotely from 520 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main Street, Suite 1, Peekskill, NY 10566

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[2025-88](#)

HON. VEDAT GASHI - ACT - Request Party Status in Con Ed Cases

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to request party status in Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.'s electric and gas rate cases currently pending before the New York State Public Service Commission.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee is in receipt of a proposed Act, which if enacted by your Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the “County”) to request party status in Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.’s (“Con Edison”) electric and gas rate cases pending before the New York State Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) (25-E-0072 and 25-G-0073).

Your Committee is aware that Con Edison, a regulated utility providing electric and gas services in Westchester County, is currently in the last year of a three-year authorization, to increase rates annually for gas and electric services in the New York City and Westchester region. This increase was authorized by the Commission in 2023 and came shortly after the Commission authorized three years of increases in 2019. Over this six-year period, Con Edison has posted significant annual revenue and income gains, while County residents have struggled with necessities.

Your Committee is aware that Con Edison recently submitted a petition to the Commission requesting authorization to increase gas and electric rates starting January 1, 2026. The proposed increase would cause electricity and gas rates to rise by 11.4% and 13.3%, respectively. The Commission will decide on the final rates after a months-long administrative process.

Your Committee is advised that the Commission allows interested municipalities, like the County, to become parties in a utility company’s rate case. Unlike members of the public, parties in a rate case can contribute to the development of a complete record in a proceeding by

conducting discovery, submitting testimony and other formal written comments, and participating in evidentiary hearings and conferences.

Your Committee has determined that to best advocate on behalf of County residents, it is necessary for Westchester County to and request party status in Con Edison's electric and gas rate cases (25-E-0072 and 25-G-0073).

Your Committee has carefully considered the subject matter and the attached Act and recommends authorizing the County to submit the necessary forms and documentation to request party status in Con Edison's electric and gas rate cases pending before the Commission (25-E-0072 and 25-G-0073).

An affirmative vote of a majority of the Board is required to pass this legislation.

Dated: White Plains, New York
 , 2025

COMMITTEE ON

ACT NO. _____ - 2025

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to request party status in Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.'s electric and gas rate cases currently pending before the New York State Public Service Commission

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester is hereby authorized to request party status in Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.'s electric and gas rate cases pending before the New York State Public Service Commission (25-E-0072 and 25-G-0073).

Section 2. The County of Westchester, through a duly designated representative, is hereby authorized to submit the necessary forms and documentation to request party status in Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.'s electric and gas rate cases pending before the New York State Public Service Commission (25-E-0072 and 25-G-0073).

Section 3. This Act shall take effect immediately.

Vedat Gashi

Chairman of the Board
Legislator, 4th District



TO: Hon. Colin Smith
Chair, Legislation

Hon. David Imamura
Chair, Law & Major Contracts

FROM: Hon. Vedat Gashi
Chairman of the Board

DATE: March 10, 2025

RE: ACT – Request Party Status in Con Ed Cases

As Chairman of the Board of Legislators, I am placing the below item directly into the Committees on Legislation and Law & Major Contracts.

Thank you.

(ID: 2025-88) **ACT – Request Party Status in Con Ed Cases**

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