

Con Edison Policy Comment (3/28/23)

Con Edison's all-in support for the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act's (CLCPA) clean energy goals remains steadfast, as outlined in our company's Clean Energy Commitment. Con Edison's dedication to facilitating the clean energy transition is grounded in our mandate to serve our customers with safe, reliable, and affordable service just as we have for the last 200 years.

We support:

- *Electrification of all new buildings, with limited exceptions*
- *Repeal of the so-called "100-foot rule" which subsidizes new gas connections*
- *Reduction of natural gas consumption consistent with the goals of the CLCPA*

Con Edison's commitment includes support for changes to building codes that reduce the use of fossil fuels in buildings, policy reforms and programs that reduce natural gas consumption and provide customers clean energy alternatives, and grid enhancements that ensure all our customers can meet their clean energy goals. These changes are necessary to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, slow the impact of climate change, and ensure New York can meet our clean energy goals.

This budget season, Governor Hochul and the State Legislature have put forth strong proposals that are consistent with the goals of the CLCPA. The proposals are geared towards new building electrification and the elimination of fossil fuel incentives and subsidies. Con Edison applauds these efforts and will support their implementation if passed.

Con Edison is ensuring that customers can reduce natural gas consumption in favor of cleaner alternatives by procuring more clean energy to deliver to customers maintaining high levels of reliability, and providing new points of interconnection for renewable resources like offshore wind, and targeting \$100 million in research and development investments by 2030 to facilitate the clean energy future - including the development of long-duration energy storage.

While we advance these clean energy efforts, the legislative proposals referenced above will change the trajectory of natural gas consumption, which is key to achieving the goals of the CLCPA. These changes are not easy, but they are critical to advance the clean energy transition and ensure a cleaner, greener environment for generations to come.