

**STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

- Case 02-E-0781 -** Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to an Electric Tariff Filing to Establish a New Standby Service in Accordance With Commission Order.
- Case 02-E-0780 -** Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc. – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to an Electric Tariff Filing to Establish Standby Service in Accordance With Commission Order.

PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

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1 Q. What is your name and address?

2 A. My name is Mark B. Lively. My address is 19012 High Point Dr., Gaithersburg,
3 Md., 20879. I am an engineering consultant specializing in pricing issues related
4 to natural gas and electricity.

5 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

6 A. My testimony in this proceeding addresses rate design issues presented by the
7 Consolidated Edison and Orange & Rockland Utilities in their original filings and
8 in the Joint Proposal filed March 11. I believe that the utilities, their customers,
9 and the State of New York are ill served by the utility proposals in regard to
10 standby service to be provided to on-site generators (OSG). The proposed design,
11 especially in regard to the Contract Demand, falls into the trap of the California
12 Debacle Syndrome. I therefore recommend that the Commission adopt:

- 13 • A pricing plan for OSG that differentiates between serving supplemental retail
14 load versus providing backup for OSG;
- 15 • A pricing plan for providing backup for OSG that dynamically changes the price
16 for such backup based on the conditions being experienced by the utility at the
17 time and in the location that the backup is being supplied;
- 18 • Failing the adoption of dynamic pricing suggested in the previous paragraph, a
19 less harsh approach to the formulation of the Contract Demand, including a
20 moderation of the ratchet and the penalty for exceeding the Contract Demand;

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1 • Again failing the adoption of dynamic pricing, a recognition that backup service
2 is relatively inexpensive for the utility to supply since OSG outages are unlikely
3 to occur during the heat storms that drive the peak on the utilities' distribution
4 system.

5 Q. What is your educational background and experience?

6 A. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the
7 Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1969. I earned a Master of Science
8 degree in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan
9 School of Management in 1971. I am a registered professional engineer in the
10 District of Columbia.
11 From 1971 to 1976, I worked for American Electric Power Service Corporation
12 (AEPSC) in New York City, first in the Controller's Office, then in the Rate
13 Department. AEPSC provides engineering and management services to its utility
14 affiliates in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, and
15 Tennessee. While in the rate department of AEPSC, I received on the job training
16 on issues related to pricing electricity, including cost analysis. I note that Mr. Joel
17 Charkow and Mr. Peter Schulhof of ConEd worked with me in the rate
18 department of AEPSC.
19 From 1976 to 1991, I worked as a consultant in the Washington, D.C., utility
20 office of the accounting firm of Ernst & Ernst, and its successors, first Ernst &

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1 Whinney and then Ernst & Young, which I will collectively refer to as “Ernst”.
2 The Washington utility office provided audit, tax, and consulting services to its
3 clients on electric and natural gas matters. My clients at Ernst included utilities,
4 large industrial consumers, independent power producers, and regulators.

5 Since the beginning of 1992, I have been self-employed as a utility economic
6 engineer specializing in the costing and pricing of electricity and natural gas. For
7 the purpose of this and other proceedings in the State of New York, I am a
8 consultant to The E Cubed Company, L.L.C. A copy of my CV is provided as
9 Exhibit ___ (MBL-1)

10 Q. Have you testified in regulatory proceedings?

11 A. Yes. While I was with AEPSC I testified for the affiliated Michigan Power
12 Company before the Michigan Public Service Commission on accounting
13 adjustments, cost allocation, and rate design. While with Ernst, I testified before
14 the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the Louisiana Public Service
15 Commission, the Montana Public Service Commission, the Texas Public Utilities
16 Commission, and the New Mexico Public Service Commission. Generally my
17 testimony was on the issue of cost allocation, with some testimony on budgetary
18 forecasts and innovative rate design. Since being self employed, I have testified
19 before the Texas Public Utilities Commission on rate design, before the Public
20 Service Commission of the District of Columbia on behalf of the D.C. Office of

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1 People's Counsel on accounting issues in the failed merger between the Baltimore
2 Gas & Electric and Potomac Electric Power, and before this Commission in a
3 proceeding on behalf of St. Lawrence Gas Company. I have also filed comments
4 in various FERC proceedings including RM01-12, FERC's current investigation
5 into a Standard Market Design for Independent System Operators.

6 Q. Have you written any published papers or articles?

7 A. Yes. *Public Utilities Fortnightly* published several of my articles, beginning in
8 1989, and a few smaller commentaries. These articles include

- 9 • "Tie Riding Freeloaders--The True Impediment to Transmission Access," 1989
10 December 21;
- 11 • "WOLF Pricing," 1994 October 1;
- 12 • "Electric Transmission Pricing: Are Long-term Contracts Really Futures
13 Contracts?" 1994 October 15;
- 14 • "Electricity Is Too Chunky: The Midwest power prices were neither too high nor
15 too low. They were too imprecise," 1998 September 1;
- 16 • "FERC's Mandatory Gas Auctions: Are We Bidding the Right Product? --
17 Auctioning gas imbalances offers advantages over bidding on available pipeline
18 capacity," 1999 January 1;
- 19 • "FERC's Dialogue on CBM: Reliability Gets Reappraised," 1999 July 1;

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- 1 • “Distributed Generation: Setting a Fair Price in the Distribution Tariff,” 2000
2 October 15
- 3 • “Saving California With Distributed Generation: A crash program to use small,
4 standby diesel generators to keep the lights on,” 2001 June 15
- 5 • “Keeping the Lights On: An Insurance Industry Model . . . to Stop Manipulation,”
6 2002 July 1
- 7 The National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI) published a few of my
8 articles in its *Quarterly Bulletin*. NRRI is affiliated with the National Association
9 of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. The articles published in the *QB* include
- 10 • “The FERC's Formula for Transmission Contacts: Using a Good Concept for the
11 Wrong Service,” Winter 1995
- 12 • “Thirty-One Flavors or Two Flavors Packaged Thirty-One Ways: Unbundling
13 Electricity Service” Summer 1996
- 14 • “State Regulation of the Coming Competitive Market,” Fall 1997
- 15 • “Electric Customer Participation in the Competitive Market: Reliability, Futures
16 Contracts, and Arbitraging,” Winter 1997
- 17 • “Metrics for Operating Reserves,” Spring 1998
- 18 • “Daily Cashouts of Gas Imbalances Using A Formulary Auction,” Fall/Winter
19 1999

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1 • “Good Market Segmentation or Bad: An Analysis of the California Electricity
2 Market, Autumn 2000

3 • “Fungible Distribution Tariffs: Supporting Distributed Generation Without
4 Bankrupting the Utility,” Winter 2001

5 *McGraw-Hill’s Electrical World* published an article I wrote in 1991. I have also
6 presented papers to conferences sponsored by the American Society of
7 Mechanical Engineers, the American Nuclear Society, and the Institute of
8 Electrical and Electronics Engineers. I attach my complete resume as
9 Exhibit ___(MBL-1).

10 Q. What do you mean by having a pricing plan for OSG that differentiates between
11 serving supplemental retail load versus providing backup for OSG?

12 A. Many OSGs are designed to serve part of the electrical load of the utility
13 customer. The rest of the load must be served by the utility. This load that must
14 be served by the utility is considered to be supplemental to what the OSG can
15 provide. Since OSGs occasionally are not available, during such times the utility
16 must serve more of the electrical load of the customer. The additional load served
17 by the utility at these times is called standby or backup.

18 Q. Why is it important to have a pricing plan for OSG that differentiates between
19 serving supplemental retail load versus providing backup for OSG?

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1 A. Customers who wish to install small OSG projects generally do not want to see
2 the discontinuity associated with a change in the price for the remaining portion of
3 their load. Such a discontinuity creates uncertainty and greater risk for the
4 customer and thus creates a barrier to greater penetration by OSG.

5 Q. Is a pricing plan for OSG that differentiates between serving supplemental retail
6 load versus providing backup for OSG consistent with traditional rate making
7 practices?

8 A. Yes. Traditional rate making practices includes the creation of customer classes
9 with similar service requirements. A major issue in identifying customer classes
10 is the commonality in their load shapes. For most customer classes for the
11 utilities in this proceeding, the primary determiner of their load shape is the
12 summer weather patterns. The utilities in downstate New York design their
13 distribution systems to meet the summer peak air conditioning demand. This is
14 true for customers served under the standard tariff and would be true for the
15 supplemental load customers desire the utilities to serve in excess of what the
16 OSG can provide. In contrast, the backup load will be determined by the outage
17 characteristics of the OSG. These outage characteristics will generally be
18 independent of the summer weather patterns. The weather independence of the
19 outage characteristics of OSG suggests that this portion of customer consumption
20 should be treated as a separate class of customers; at least conventional utility
21 ratemaking suggests such treatment as a separate customer class.

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1 Q. How can the utility determine how much electricity should be billed as
2 supplemental versus the amount that should be billed as standby?

3 A. I present a separation procedure in Exhibit__(MBL-2). The separation
4 procedure identifies the amount of electricity metered by the utility that should be
5 billed as supplemental versus the amount of electricity that should be billed as
6 backup. The procedure uses a customer owned interval meter to determine the
7 amount of electricity that the customer is receiving from its OSG. The customer
8 owned interval meter would be synchronized with the utility meter with the data
9 from the customer owned meter made available to the utility in the same fashion
10 that the utility obtains data from its own meter. Together, the two meters would
11 determine the maximum monthly consumption by the customer. The historic
12 capability of the on site generation would be subtracted from the site load to
13 determine the supplemental demand of the consumer. The supplemental demand
14 is the amount of electricity that the consumer could not supply to itself. This
15 supplemental demand would be the basis for the demand charge under the
16 standard tariff. Any electricity taken up to the supplemental demand during each
17 interval would be considered to be supplemental load, subject to the terms of the
18 standard tariff. Electricity in excess of the supplemental demand during each
19 interval would be considered to be backup energy subject to the standby charges.
20 A more complete explanation of this procedure is presented in Exhibit__(MBL-2).

21 Q. How should backup service be priced?

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1 A. In this proceeding, I have proposed pricing backup service on a dynamic basis.
2 Under such a pricing plan for providing backup, the price for such backup would
3 be based on the conditions being experienced by the utility at the time and in the
4 location that the backup is being supplied. Such a dynamic pricing plan would
5 result in the OSG competing in larger markets. Not only would the OSG try to
6 meet the electrical needs of the consumer, but also the OSG would also compete
7 economically against the market run by the New York ISO and would also
8 compete against the cost of the wires market run by the local utility. Thus, a
9 dynamic pricing of the utility wires business results in OSG living up to its name
10 of distributed generation, in that it would be generation that competes with the
11 distribution services of the utility.

12 Q. You mentioned the California Debacle and an associated syndrome. What is the
13 California Debacle?

14 A. I use the term California Debacle to refer to the yearlong period from the summer
15 of 2000 to the spring of 2001 when wholesale prices soared in California and in
16 much of the rest of the western part of the United States and Canada. During that
17 period of time, the State of California mortgaged its future to pay for electricity
18 that it consumed during that time period.

19 Q. How is the California Debacle similar to the Contract Demand proposal
20 formulated by the utilities in this proceeding?

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1 A. The utilities have proposed a Contract Demand that mortgages the future of
2 consumers based on demands in the past. The utilities have proposed a Contract
3 Demand with a permanent ratchet. Once a consumer imposes a demand on the
4 utility, the utility proposes to use that demand indefinitely into the future for
5 billing purposes. Thus, actions by the consumer mortgage the consumer's future
6 for several years, just as actions by the State of California have mortgaged the
7 future of its consumers for several years.

8 Q. Could the syndrome associated with the California Debacle be avoided for
9 standby tariffs?

10 A. Yes. Though the specific structures of the Contract Demand in this proceeding
11 are different from what happened in the California Debacle, I believe that the
12 industry can learn by comparing the Contract Demand concept with the California
13 Debacle. Specifically, I see an unwarranted mortgaging of the future, a missed
14 opportunity for customer response, and an unnecessary prolonging of electrical
15 constraints.

16 Q. Why do you say that the mortgaging of the future is unwarranted?

17 A. I say that the mortgaging of the future is unwarranted in that there are other, better
18 economic ways to address the issue of high customer demands. One such
19 approach is to have prices reflect the concurrent situation on the electrical
20 network. This would encourage OSGs to operate when the distribution system is

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1 constrained or when the NYISO has high prices in its settlement system. Though
2 I point this out in regard to the Contract Demand structure posed by the utilities in
3 this proceeding, the Contract Demand structure follows the syndrome of the
4 California Debacle, in that California could have avoided mortgaging its future by
5 implementing dynamic prices when the bulk power market became very
6 expensive. Further, this unwarranted mortgaging of the future of the consumer is
7 exacerbated by the method used by the utilities to allocate the revenue
8 requirement between Contract Demand and As Used Demand.

9 Q. How did the utilities exacerbate the unwarranted mortgaging of the customer
10 future by its revenue allocation?

11 A. I present as Exhibit ___(MBL-3) an analysis of the allocation factors used by
12 ConEd in setting the Contract Demand charge and the As Used Demand charge.
13 Exhibit ___(MBL-3) clearly shows how ConEd biased the result toward a higher
14 Contract Demand charge than is warranted. ConEd achieved some of this effort
15 by improperly aggregating several individual cost components into larger cost
16 categories. ConEd's allocation analysis should have been done on these smaller
17 cost components, which would have resulted in a much smaller Contract Demand
18 charge.

19 Q. Why do you say that there is a missed opportunity for customer response?

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1 A. Customers are generally not sophisticated enough to realize that charges based on
2 demand ratchets are actually driven by some earlier action of the customer.
3 Certainly, they are not aware at the time that they are establishing the peak that
4 they are locking in costs that they will have to pay for over the next several years.
5 In the same way, most consumers in California were not aware during 2000/2001
6 that their actions were committing them to pay off a huge debt over the next
7 several years. If the California consumers had been aware of the costs that were
8 being incurred at that time for them, there would have been an elasticity response
9 that would have reduced the amount of electricity that was needed on their behalf.
10 Similarly, most customers in New York would reduce their consumption during
11 times of constraint if they realized that they were mortgaging their future by not
12 doing so. When California finally raised prices in June of 2001, the damage had
13 already been done; their futures had been mortgaged. Similarly, when customers
14 see charges from the Contract Demand provision of the proposed standby rate,
15 they will try to reduce their consumption, but by then it will be too late, their
16 futures will have been mortgaged.

17 Q. Why do you say that there will be an unnecessary prolonging of electrical
18 constraints?

19 A. When customers know that they are paying a higher price for the electricity that
20 they are consuming, they will conserve. This conservation will show up in
21 reduced electrical loading. In California, the retail rate increases occurred in June

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1 2000 as the utilities were entering the high load summer period and leaving the
2 low load spring period. At the same time, the rotating blackouts ended, as did the
3 associated high prices in the bulk power market. The similarity in timing of these
4 events illustrates the elasticity of demand for electricity, if commissions just allow
5 such elasticity to operate. New York has had its own constraint problems, such as
6 the distribution problems experienced by ConEd, as reported in “Con Edison’s
7 July 1999 Electric Service Outages: A Report To The People Of The State Of
8 New York From The Office Of The Attorney General”, March 9, 2000. Dynamic
9 pricing would have resulted in a reduced demand on the ConEd distribution
10 system, shortening the severity of the problem.

11 It is for these reasons that I believe that dynamic pricing is a preferred alternative
12 to the Contract Demand structure for backup service proposed by the utilities in
13 this proceeding.

14 Q. Should dynamic pricing be used for the supplemental portion of the consumer’s
15 load?

16 A. Not at this time. Though I believe that electricity consumption has some
17 elasticity, as was illustrated by the significant reduction in California consumption
18 after the retail price increases in June 2001, there is much greater elasticity in
19 regard to the operation of OSG. The industry in New York should first take
20 advantage of this high level of elasticity in regard to the operation of the OSG by

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1 dynamically pricing backup service. Dynamically pricing supplemental service at
2 this time would stifle the OSG industry by creating too much uncertainty for retail
3 consumers about the pricing of the basic service they are taking from the utilities.
4 At some time in the future, as the utilities gain experience with dynamically
5 pricing their distribution services and as customers gain confidence in the fairness
6 of such an approach, then it may be appropriate to price supplement service
7 dynamically. At the current time, dynamic pricing of the supplemental use of the
8 distribution grid should only be an option that customers could exercise as they
9 become more comfortable with the utility's implementation of the concept.

10 Q. Why do you believe that failing the adoption of dynamic pricing that the utilities
11 should change the formulation of the Contract Demand in a way that will
12 moderate the ratchet and the penalty for exceeding the Contract Demand?

13 A. The current formulation of the Contract Demand includes a ratchet and a penalty
14 for exceeding the Contract Demand. Ratchets are tariff mechanisms to spread
15 revenue over an extended period of time. The ratchet proposed by the utilities is
16 perpetual, in that once a demand is established, the customer pays a billing
17 demand based on that established demand. Initially the demand for which the
18 customer pays is an amount that is the estimated maximum load that the customer
19 will impose on the utility. If the customer exceeds that amount, the ratchet
20 increases the demand upon which the customer must pay and the penalty forces

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1 the customer to pay a lump sum amount based on how much the customer
2 exceeded the previous contract demand.

3 The utilities propose to impose a different ratchet for backup service than the
4 ratchet that is currently being used for such customers. Having a different ratchet
5 will provide a disincentive for customers to install OSG. Such a disincentive is
6 contrary to New York State policy to encourage OSG.

7 The utilities also propose to impose a penalty for backup service that is different
8 from any other provision that I know of in the utilities' tariffs. This distinction
9 will provide a disincentive for customers to install OSG that is very similar to the
10 disincentive associated with the perpetual ratchet.

11 Finally, the ratchet and the penalty both will violate the concept of revenue
12 neutrality that has been proposed in the guidelines for this proceeding.

13 Q. How do the ratchet and the penalty violate the concept of revenue neutrality?

14 A. Ratchets and penalties are both mechanism to generate revenue for the utilities.
15 The rate design work papers contain no allowance for the revenue that the utilities
16 will earn as a result of the imposition of either the perpetual ratchets or the
17 penalties. Accordingly, when customer actions result in the utilities collecting
18 revenue from perpetual ratchets or from penalties, the revenue of the utilities will
19 increase beyond the position currently established as the appropriate rate level for
20 the utilities.

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1 Q. Why do you believe that backup service is relatively inexpensive for the utility to
2 supply?

3 A. I believe that backup service is relatively inexpensive for the utility to supply
4 since OSG outages are unlikely to occur during the heat storms that drive the peak
5 on the utilities' distribution system.

6 The utilities design their distribution systems to meet the peak summer air
7 conditioning demands of their customers. This design consideration is reflected
8 in the utilities retail tariffs. For instance, the price for using the distribution
9 system in the summer is higher than the price for using the distribution system in
10 the winter. Further, the utilities propose not to charge consumers for the use of
11 the distribution system during the night. These rate design features show that the
12 utility engineers design the distribution system to meet the daytime peak during
13 the summer air conditioning hours.

14 In contrast to the utilities' typical air conditioning load, OSG backup service
15 should not be highly correlated with the summer air conditioning load. OSG
16 backup service will occur for two reasons, forced outages of the OSG and
17 scheduled maintenance.

18 Forced outages of the OSG should occur randomly, at anytime, day or night,
19 winter, spring, summer or fall. Accordingly, the forced outages of the OSG will
20 have a smaller impact on the utilities' distribution grid than will the utilities'

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1 typical air conditioning load. Utilities engineers will have less need to reinforce
2 the distribution system to meet the forced outages of OSG than would they need
3 to reinforce the distribution system to meet an increase in the utilities' typical
4 load. This suggests that forced outages of the OSG are typically less expensive to
5 serve and should face a lower price than should the utilities' standard air
6 conditioning load.

7 Scheduled maintenance of OSG will be even less likely to occur during the
8 periods that the utilities need their distribution system to provide electricity to air
9 conditioning load. OSGs will try to schedule their maintenance periods when
10 their associated air conditioning loads are low.

11 Thus, providing wire service for OSG maintenance service should similarly be
12 less costly for the utility than providing wire service for standard loads.

13 Q. What is the implication of your analysis that the cost to the utility of serving OSG
14 is less expensive than service standard loads?

15 A. A major issue in the negotiations has been exemptions from the standby tariffs for
16 various types of OSG. If the standby tariff were appropriately cost based, then
17 OSGs would be less interested in obtaining the exemptions, since the standby
18 tariff would cost the OSG less than the standard tariff, which the exemptions
19 attempt to retain for special OSGs.

20 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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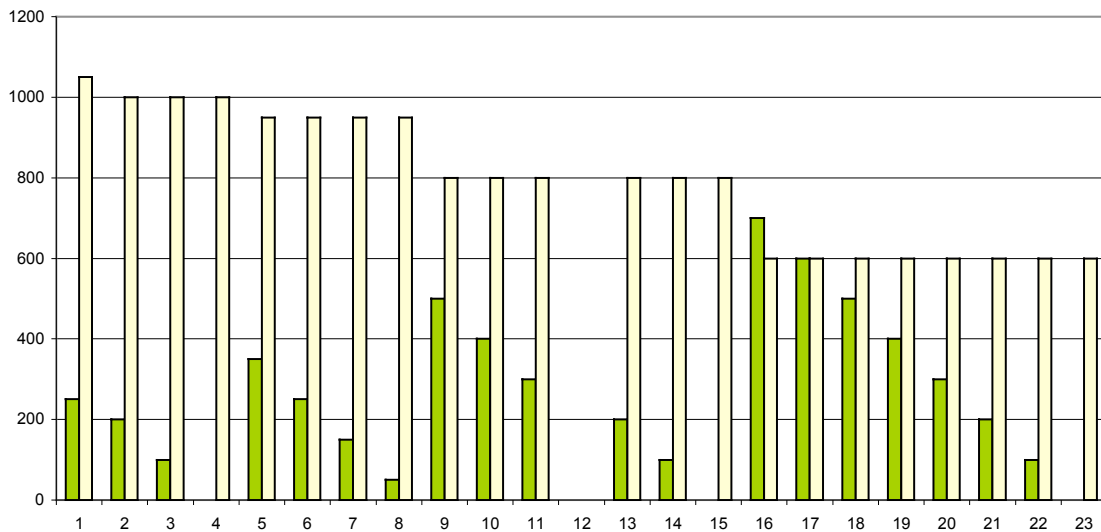
1 A. Yes.

Split Rate Mechanics

Supplemental power should be the first energy through the meter during each meter interval up to the monthly supplemental demand. The monthly supplemental demand should be the maximum site load during the month minus the normal generation level established by the on-site generator during the twelve months ending with the current month. The maximum site load during the month shall be determined using two synchronized interval meters, the utility interval meter and a customer owned interval meter for on-site generation. Energy through the utility meter in excess of the monthly supplemental demand shall be treated as backup/standby power.

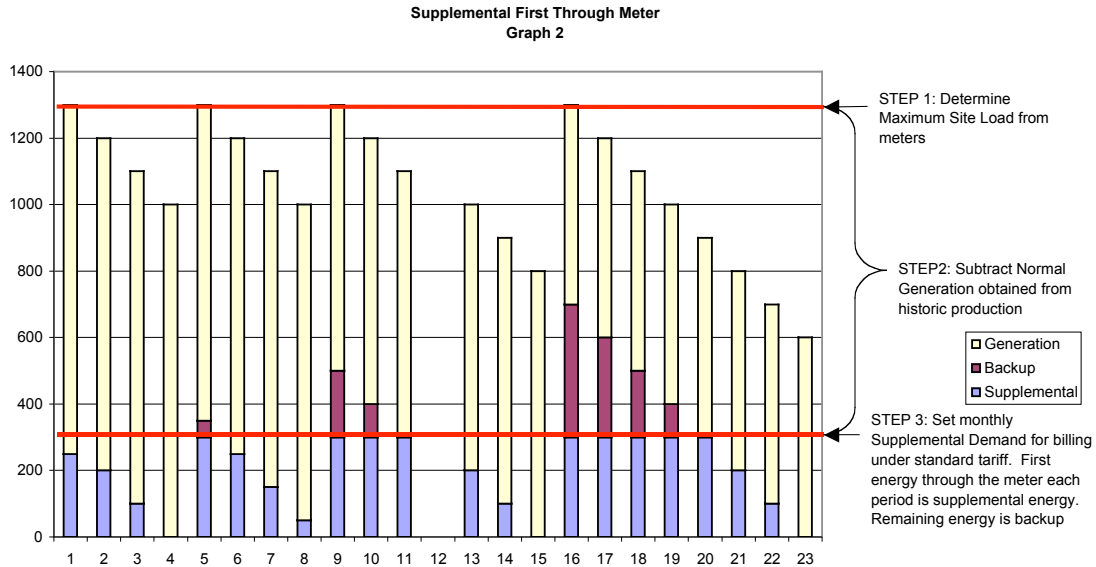
The Joint Supporters advocate the concept of supplemental power being the first electricity through the meter during each meter interval. The Joint Supporters acknowledge that there are other methods for splitting the energy between supplemental energy to be billed under the standard tariff versus backup energy to be billed under the new tariff. The Joint Supporters believe their method is superior in that the Joint Supporter’s method minimizes reliance on the data from the second meter, the meter owned by the customer. The method advocated by the Joint Supporters also results in the defined supplemental load having a load shape this is closer to the load shape ConEd experiences for most customers billed under its standard tariff.

Split Example Meter Data
Graph 1



Graph 1 presents the hypothetical meter data that the Joint Supporters presented in its proposal of February 7. The various parties have used these data for illustrative

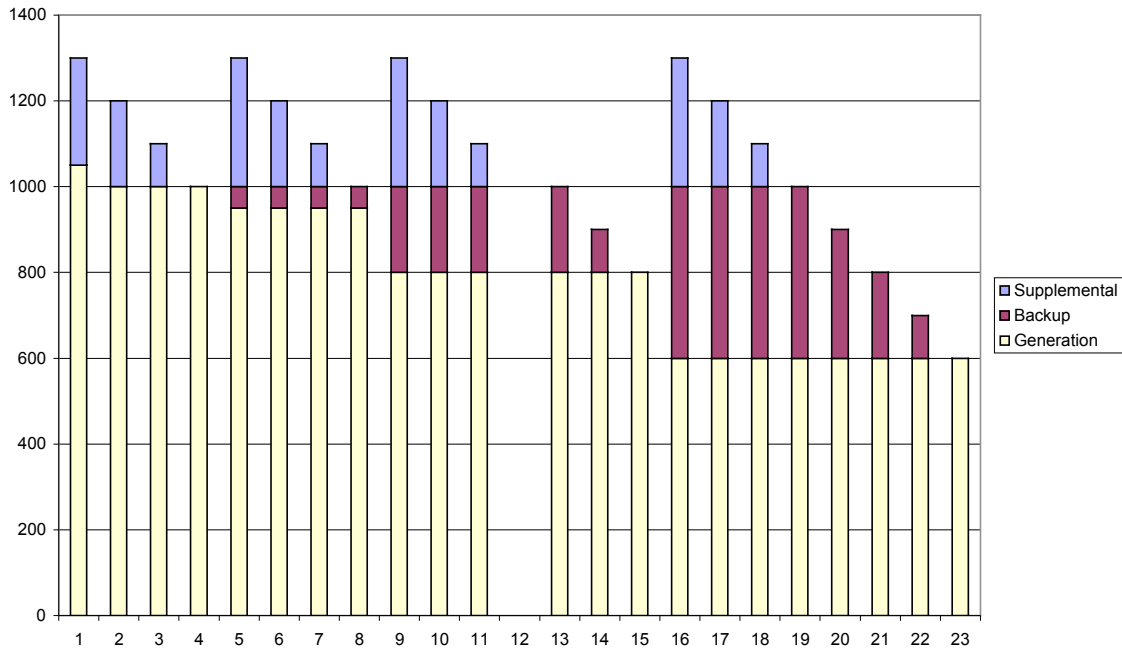
purposes, though not necessarily for issues supported by such parties. The first bar in each pair represents an amount that ConEd would have delivered to the customer during a meter interval, such as an hour. The second bar in each pair represents an amount that the customer would have generated itself. The bars in Graphs 1 are presented side by side. The pair of bars can also be stacked, either with the ConEd delivery on the bottom and the Generation on the top, or vice versa with the Generation on the bottom and the ConEd delivery on the top.



Graph 2 presents the approach developed and presented by the Joint Supporters. Here, the ConEd delivery is stacked on the bottom of each bar. Under the Graph 2 presentation, the sum of the two meter readings is used to develop the Maximum Site Load for the month. The capability of the generator is subtracted from the Maximum Site Load to determine the supplemental demand for the month. All energy through the ConEd meter during each time period up to the supplemental demand is treated as supplemental energy. Energy in excess of the supplemental demand during any time period is treated as backup energy.

Graph 3 presents an approach that can be characterized as standby as the first energy through the ConEd meter. The bottom portion of each bar is the amount of generation by the distributed generator. The next portion of each bar is standby demand, up to the capability of the generator. The top portion of each bar, if any, is supplemental demand, customer consumption in excess of the capability of the generator. A deficiency of this approach involves the constant reliance on the customer owned meter. The reading of the customer owned meter is necessary during each interval to determine which fraction of the ConEd delivery is standby/backup versus supplemental.

**Standby First Through Meter
Graph 3**



The approaches presented in Graph 2 and in Graph 3 each result in a supplemental demand of 300 KW and a standby demand of 400 KW. Other meter data might result in the two approaches producing billing demands that are not equal to each other. Table 1 presents a summary of the billing determinants that would be produced using these two competing methods to separate supplemental power from standby/backup Power.

Comparison of Billing Determinants Using Alternative Ways For the Split Between Standby and Supplemental		
Table 1		
	Supplemental First	Standby First
Supplemental Demand	300 KW	300 KW
Standby Demand	400 KW	400 KW
Supplemental Energy	4,300 KWH	2,350 KWH
Standby Energy	1,350 KWH	3,300 KWH

Note that the presentation in Table 1 of billing determinants for supplemental energy and standby energy is not meant to be pejorative of the ConEd proposal to develop a different type of billing determinant for the standby rate. The basic ConEd proposal is to use daily maximum demand as a commodity billing determinant. The Joint Supporters have not taken a position on the appropriateness of the use of such a billing determinant instead of energy. The Joint Supporters merely note that energy has traditionally been the commodity-based billing determinant in ConEd’s rates.

IMPROPER ALLOCATION MATRIX

The Joint Supporters believe that ConEd developed the allocation matrix improperly. ConEd’s approach seriously misstates its costs and results in allocating too much costs to the contract demand. Specifically, ConEd ignores distribution transformers as a separate cost category. Further, ConEd ignores the connection of some consumers directly to transformers and to substations instead of to a grid.

Table 1

Delivery Voltage Level

Distribution Delivery Costs	Secondary Customers		Primary Customers		Transmission Customers	
	% Contact	% As-Used	% Contact	% As-Used	% Contact	% As-Used
Secondary Distribution	100%	0%				
Primary Distribution	50%	50%	100%	0%	100%	0%
Substation	0%	100%	50%	50%	100%	0%
Transmission	0%	100%	0%	100%	50%	50%

The Table 1 reproduces the allocation table presented on Page 7 of Joel Charkow’s letter of June 7, 2002 in this proceeding. The left column of the table identifies four categories of cost. Transmission and primary distribution each refer to a network of wires uses to move electricity throughout its service territory. Substation refers to installations that transform electricity from one voltage to another voltage. In contrast, secondary distribution refers to a combination of these two functions. Secondary distribution includes the wires used to move electricity throughout ConEd’s service territory. It also includes the installations that transform electricity from one voltage to another.

Making Secondary Allocation Factors Consistent With Primary Allocation Factors

Table 2

Delivery Voltage Level

Distribution Delivery Costs	Secondary Customers		Primary Customers		Transmission Customers	
	% Contract	% As-Used	% Contract	% As-Used	% Contract	% As-Used
Secondary Distribution	100%	0%				
Transformers	50%	50%				
Primary Distribution	0%	100%	100%	0%	100%	0%
Substation	0%	100%	50%	50%	100%	0%
Transmission	0%	100%	0%	100%	50%	50%

Table 2 modifies Table 1 to reflect some of the deficiencies the Joint Supporters have identified in ConEd’s presentation. Table 2 has an additional row for the transformers used to change the voltage of electricity from the ConEd’s primary distribution voltage to the secondary distribution voltage. The inclusion of this row allows the allocation factors for secondary customers to be similar to the allocation factors ConEd has proposed for the Primary customers.

For the primary customers ConEd proposed in Table 1 to allocate to Contract all of the cost of primary wires that serve primary customers. For the allocation table to be consistent, for the secondary customers ConEd should allocate to Contract all of the cost of secondary wires that serve secondary customers. Table 2 uses that concept to show an allocation to Contract of all of the costs of wires that serve secondary customers.

Again for the primary customers, ConEd proposed in Table 1 to allocate to Contract only half of the cost of the substations necessary to transform the voltage of the electricity to the service voltage of primary customers. For the allocation table to be consistent, for the secondary customers ConEd should allocate to Contract half of the cost of the transformers used to transform the voltage of electricity to the service voltage of secondary customers. Table 2 uses that concept to show an allocation to Contract of half of the cost of the distribution transformers used to transform the voltage of the electricity to the service voltage of the secondary customers.

Again for the primary customers, ConEd proposed in Table 1 to allocate to Contract none of the cost of the wires for any voltage above the service voltage. For the allocation table to be consistent, for the secondary customers ConEd should allocate to Contract none of the cost of wires for any voltage above the service voltage. Table 2 uses that concept to show an allocation to Contract of none of the costs of wires for any voltage above the service voltage.

Making Secondary and Primary Allocation Factors More Consistent With Transmission Allocation Factors

Table 3

Delivery Voltage Level

Distribution Delivery Costs	Secondary Customers		Primary Customers		Transmission Customers	
	% Contract	% As-Used	% Contract	% As-Used	% Contract	% As-Used
Secondary Distribution	50%	50%				
Transformers	25%	75%				
Primary Distribution	0%	100%	50%	50%	100%	0%
Substation	0%	100%	25%	75%	100%	0%
Transmission	0%	100%	0%	100%	50%	50%

Table 3 modifies Table 1 and Table 2 to reflect some of the deficiencies the Joint Supporters have identified in ConEd's presentation. Table 3 has an additional row for the transformers used to change the voltage of electricity from the ConEd's primary distribution voltage to the secondary distribution voltage, much as Table 2 has. The inclusion of this row allows the allocation factors for secondary customers to be similar to the allocation factors ConEd has proposed for the Primary customers.

Table 3 further modifies Table 2 by emphasizing the allocation factors that ConEd says are appropriate for customers served at transmission voltages. ConEd says that for customers served at transmission voltages, only half of the transmission costs should be allocated to Contract demand. Consistency would suggest that ConEd should allocate to Contract demand only half of the cost of the wires at any voltage level to the customers who are served at that voltage level. This consistency is reflected in Table 3 for secondary customers, by the allocation to Contract Demand of half of the cost of secondary wires. This consistency is reflected in Table 3 for primary customers, by the allocation to Contract Demand of half of the cost of primary wires.