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CON EDISON ASKS CUSTOMERS IN AREA OF CENTRAL QUEENS TO CONSERVE ENERGY

Company Reduces Voltage by 8 Percent to Maintain Reliability

NEW YORK – Con Edison is asking customers in an area of central Queens to conserve energy while crews repair equipment. Con Edison has reduced voltage by 8 percent to the area while repairs are made.

The conservation appeal covers an area bounded by the Long Island Expressway and the Long Island Railroad on the north, the Cross Island Parkway on the east, Grand Central Parkway on the south, and Queens Boulevard on the west.

It includes the neighborhoods of Corona, Elmhurst, Fresh Meadows, Jamaica Estates, Oakland Gardens, Hollis Hills, Kew Gardens, Pomonok and Hillcrest. The area has about 84.900 customers.

Con Edison has asked customers in these areas not to use energy-intensive appliances such as washers, dryers, and microwaves until crews complete repairs. The company also asks customers to limit unnecessary use of air conditioning. If you have two air conditioners, use only one and set it to the highest comfortable temperature.

The voltage reduction also affects a second area. That area is bounded by the East River on the north, 45th Avenue and the Long Island Railroad on the south, the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway on the west and the Grand Central Parkway on the east.

Customers can report outages and check service restoration status at www.conEd.com/reportoutage, or with our mobile app for iOS or Android devices, or by calling 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633). When calling, customers should report whether their neighbors also have lost power. Customers who report outages will receive updates with their estimated restoration times as they become available.

Customers can follow Con Edison on Twitter or like us on Facebook for general outage updates, safety tips and storm preparation information.

The equipment problems in these neighborhoods have no effect on the rest of the Con Edison system.

The company is in communication with New York City Emergency Management.

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