

## Note C – Capitalization

### Common Stock

At December 31, 2003 and 2002, Con Edison owned all of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of the Utilities. Con Edison of New York owns \$962 million of Con Edison stock, which it purchased in 1998 and 1999 in connection with Con Edison's stock repurchase plan.

### Capitalization of Con Edison

The outstanding capitalization for Con Edison is shown on its Consolidated Statement of Capitalization, and includes the Utilities' outstanding preferred stock and debt.

### Preferred Stock of Utility Subsidiaries

As of December 31, 2003, 1,915,319 shares of Con Edison of New York's \$5 Cumulative Preferred Stock (the "\$5 Preferred") and 375,626 shares of its Cumulative Preferred Stock (\$100 par value) were outstanding.

Dividends on the \$5 Preferred stock are \$5 per share per annum, payable quarterly, and dividends on the Cumulative Preferred Stock are \$4.65 per share per annum, payable quarterly. The preferred dividends must be declared by Con Edison of New York's Board of Trustees to become payable. See "Dividends" below.

With respect to any corporate action to be taken by a vote of shareholders of Con Edison of New York, Con Edison (which owns all of the 235,488,094 shares of Con Edison of New York's common shares that are outstanding) and the holders of the \$5 Preferred are each entitled to one vote for each share held. Except as otherwise required by law, holders of the Cumulative Preferred Stock have no right to vote; provided, however, that if the \$5 Preferred is no longer outstanding, the holders of the Cumulative Preferred Stock are entitled to one vote for each share with respect to any corporate action to be taken by a vote of the shareholders of Con Edison of New York. In addition, if dividends are in arrears for certain periods, the holders are entitled to certain rights with respect to the election of Con Edison of New York's Trustees. Without the consent of the holders of the Cumulative Preferred Stock, Con Edison of New York may not create or authorize any kind of stock ranking prior to the Cumulative Preferred Stock or, if such actions would affect the holders of the Cumulative Preferred Stock adversely, be a party to any consolidation or merger, create or amend the terms of the Cumulative Preferred Stock or reclassify the Cumulative Preferred Stock. Con Edison of New York may redeem the \$5 Preferred at a redemption price of \$105 per share and the Cumulative Preferred Stock at a redemption price of \$101 per share (in each case, plus accrued and unpaid dividends). In the event of the dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of Con Edison of New

York, before any distribution of capital assets could be made to the holders of the company's common stock, the holders of the \$5 Preferred and the Cumulative Preferred Stock would each be entitled to receive \$100 per share, in the case of an involuntary liquidation, or an amount equal to the redemption price per share, in the case of a voluntary liquidation, in each case together with all accrued and unpaid dividends.

### Dividends

In accordance with PSC requirements, the dividends that the Utilities may pay are limited to not more than 100 percent of their respective income available for dividends calculated on a two-year rolling average basis. Excluded from the calculation of "income available for dividends" are non-cash charges to income resulting from accounting changes or charges to income resulting from significant unanticipated events. The restriction also does not apply to dividends paid in order to transfer to Con Edison proceeds from major transactions, such as asset sales, or to dividends reducing each utility subsidiary's equity ratio to a level appropriate to its business risk.

In addition, no dividends may be paid, or funds set apart for payment, on Con Edison of New York's common stock until all dividends accrued on the \$5 Preferred Stock and Cumulative Preferred Stock have been paid, or declared and set apart for payment.

### Long-term Debt

Long-term debt maturing in the period 2004-2008 is as follows:

(Millions of Dollars)	Con Edison	Con Edison of New York	O&R
2004	\$166	\$150	\$-
2005	467	450	-
2006	20	-	-
2007	371	330	20
2008	504	280	-

Long-term debt includes notes issued by O&R to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for the net proceeds of NYSERDA's \$55 million aggregate principal amount of Series 1994A and \$44 million aggregate principal amount of Series 1995A Pollution Control Refunding Revenue Bonds. The interest rate determination method for this debt is subject to change in accordance with the related indenture, and the debt currently bears interest at a weekly rate determined by its remarketing agent. The debt is subject to optional and, in certain circumstances, mandatory tender for purchase by O&R. See "Interest Rate Hedging" in Note P.

Long-term debt is stated at cost, which, as of December 31, 2003, approximates fair value (estimated based on current rates for debt of the same remaining maturities), except for