

CONSOLIDATED EDISON CO OF NEW YORK INC

Form 8-K

February 20, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**

**The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**February 19, 2009**

**Consolidated Edison, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

**1-14514**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-3965100**  
(IRS Employer)

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of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

4 Irving Place, New York, New York  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10003  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(212) 460-4600

## Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

1-1217  
(Commission File Number)

13-5009340  
(IRS Employer)

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

4 Irving Place, New York, New York  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10003  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(212) 460-4600

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**ITEM 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

The following descriptions of the amendments of the By-laws of Consolidated Edison, Inc. ( Con Edison ) and the Emergency By-laws of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. ( Con Edison of New York ) and the adoption of Con Edison s Emergency By-laws are qualified in their entirety by reference to the By-laws (which include the Emergency By-laws) of Con Edison and Con Edison of New York, copies of which are included as Exhibits 3.1.3 and 3.2.2 to this report and are incorporated in this Item 5.03 by reference.

**Majority Voting**

On February 19, 2009, Con Edison s Board of Directors amended Con Edison s By-laws, effective February 19, 2009, to provide that each member of Con Edison s Board of Directors shall be elected (i) in uncontested elections, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of shareholders by the holders of shares entitled to vote in the election and (ii) in contested elections, by a plurality of the votes cast at a meeting of shareholders by the holders of shares entitled to vote in the election. Prior to the amendment of Con Edison s By-laws, as provided under New York law when not otherwise required by a company s certificate of incorporation or by-laws, members of Con Edison s Board of Directors were to be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at a meeting of shareholders by the holders of shares entitled to vote in the election, whether or not the election was contested.

On February 19, 2009, Con Edison s Board of Directors also amended Con Edison s Corporate Governance Guidelines to provide that, in an uncontested election, any director who is not elected by a majority of the votes cast is expected to tender his or her resignation and the Board of Directors is to decide whether or not to accept the tendered resignation and thereafter publicly disclose its decision.

**Emergency By-laws**

On February 19, 2009, Con Edison of New York s Board of Trustees amended Con Edison of New York s Emergency By-laws, effective February 19, 2009, to provide that the Emergency By-laws shall also be effective in the event of an attack, major disaster, catastrophe, or national or local emergency, during which a quorum of the entire Board of Trustees is unavailable to act in a meeting of the Board of Trustees called in the manner provided in Con Edison of New York s By-laws. Prior to the amendment, Con Edison of New York s Emergency By-laws could only be effective if declared effective by the Defense Council of New York (as constituted under the New York State Defense Emergency Act) in the event of attack. The Board of Trustees also amended Con Edison of New York s Emergency By-laws to provide the process (seniority by title and within title, by tenure) by which Con Edison of New York officers would be selected to fill Board vacancies during the period in which the Emergency By-laws are effective.

On February 19, 2009, Con Edison s Board of Directors adopted Emergency By-laws, effective February 19, 2009, substantially the same as Con Edison of New York s amended Emergency By-laws. Prior to the adoption, Con Edison did not have Emergency By-laws.

**ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

- Exhibit 3.1.1 Con Edison By-law Amendment Majority Voting
- Exhibit 3.1.2 Con Edison By-law Amendment Emergency By-laws
- Exhibit 3.1.3 Con Edison By-laws, effective February 19, 2009
- Exhibit 3.2.1 Con Edison of New York By-law Amendment Emergency By-laws
- Exhibit 3.2.2 Con Edison of New York By-laws, effective November 20, 2008 (and February 19, 2009 with respect to the Emergency By-laws included therein)

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CONSOLIDATED EDISON, INC.

CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW  
YORK, INC.

By /s/ Carole Sobin  
Carole Sobin  
Secretary

Date: February 20, 2009