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SOLAR INSTALLATION PROPOSED FOR NEW BEDFORD BUSINESS PARK

RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVE WOULD DELIVER ENOUGH ELECTRICITY FOR 2,000 HOMES

DARTMOUTH, MA - JUNE 15, 2010: As part of the statewide effort to reduce dependence on fossil fuels by expanding availability of renewable energy supplies, a national developer of energy facilities has proposed development of a photovoltaic solar installation at the New Bedford Business Park.

The solar facility would help Massachusetts utilities fulfill their statutory obligation to increase their use of non-polluting, renewable energy supplies.

The developer, Con Edison Development of Valhalla, NY, has informed Town of Dartmouth officials that the ground-mounted installation would generate approximately two megawatts of electricity, or enough energy to provide power to 2,000 households.

"More than ever before, Americans are voicing their support for domestic energy sources that help protect the environment," said Mark Noyes, vice president of Con Edison Development. "This solar installation will use benign and time-tested solar technology to deliver clean and renewable energy to Bay State residents."

Situated well within the confines of the business park, the solar installation would occupy approximately ten acres and would be virtually invisible to vehicular or pedestrian traffic outside the business complex.

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Con Edison Development would provide the solar installation's clean energy output to Massachusetts utilities to help them meet the goals of the state's Green Communities Act. Signed into law in 2008, the statute enables utility companies to enter into contracts with renewable energy developers.

The New Bedford installation would employ crystalline silicon solar cells, a technology in use for more than three decades.

The project is subject to approval by the Town of Dartmouth Board of Selectmen. A public hearing is scheduled before the Board of Selectmen on July 12. The Dartmouth Conservation Commission will also hold a public hearing on June 22 to review the proposed project. Both meetings will take place in the Dartmouth Town Hall.

Con Edison Development is a subsidiary of Consolidated Edison, Inc. (NYSE: ED), one of the nation's largest investor-owned energy companies, with approximately \$13 billion in annual revenues and \$34 billion in assets. The utility provides electric, gas and steam service to more than three million customers in New York City and Westchester County, New York. For additional financial, operations and customer service information, visit Con Edison's Web site at www.conEd.com.

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