

Urgent Notification of Worker Safety Working Near Overhead Lines

The New York State High-Voltage Proximity Act imposes certain obligations on any individual or company who may be working near electric utility power lines.

Before you commence work on a project, you are required to notify your local utility.

Paragraph 5 of §202-h states: “Whenever any activity is to be performed requiring precautionary action under this section, the employer, contractor or other person responsible for the activity *shall promptly notify the owner or person in charge of the high-voltage line of the intended activity, such notification to be submitted at least five normal work days before the activity is to be performed.* The owner or person responsible for the high-voltage line shall perform all necessary precautionary actions, and the employer, contractor or other person responsible for the activity shall be responsible for all costs of such precautionary actions. Under no circumstances shall activities requiring precautionary actions be undertaken before such precautionary actions have been completed.” **No one other than qualified Con Edison personnel shall attempt to measure the clearances from Con Edison’s distribution system.**

The Act also requires, but is not limited to, the following:

- Educate workers of the inherent dangers in working near high voltage lines;
- All high-voltage lines shall be considered energized until assurance has been given that they have been de-energized; and
- Warning signs shall be posted and maintained in plain view of the operator on each piece of such equipment; an approved durable warning sign legible at a distance of twelve feet reading: “**Danger Unlawful To Operate Any Part Of This Equipment Within 10 Feet of High-Voltage Lines**”. Additional warning signs shall be placed on various parts of the equipment providing similar warnings to others in the vicinity of the high-voltage lines.

More information regarding working near our underground and overhead facilities is just a click away by clicking on to our website <http://www.coned.com/es>. Review safety around our facilities and Blue Book specification E0-4647-C.