

### Methane Challenge Partner Experience – Con Edison

Customer Experience Operational Excellence

2017 Natural Gas STAR Annual Implementation Workshop in Houston, TX

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### Methane Challenge - why participate?

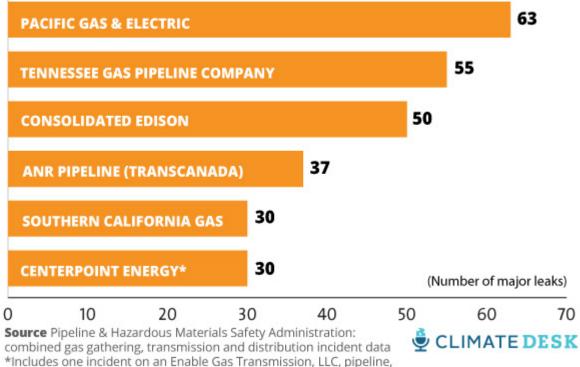
- CECONY has been a participant in the Natural Gas STAR
  Program since 1993
- Natural Gas STAR program is a voluntary commitment to reduce and report on natural gas emissions
- The Methane Challenge is an <u>enhanced</u> voluntary partnership between EPA and the natural gas industry that includes long term goals for emission reductions



## Stakeholder interest in emission reductions

#### LEAKY OPERATORS

The top leakiest gas companies in the last five years (2009-2013)



which is operated in limited partnership with Centerpoint.



### BMPs: Cast Iron & Unprotected Steel Mains

- Replace CI mains with plastic or cathodically protected steel
- Replace or cathodically protect steel mains
- Rehab CI or unprotected steel mains with plastic pipe inserts (slip-liners, u-liners or cured in place liners)
- Metric: minimum replacement rate based on a tiered approach (next slide)

# Minimum main replacement tiers to participate in the Methane Challenge

| Tier   | Inventory of Cast Iron <sup>16</sup> and Unprotected Steel<br>Mains <sup>17</sup> | % Minimum Annual<br>Replacement/Repair |
|--------|---|--|
| Tier 1 | <500 miles  | 6.50%                                  |
| Tier 2 | 500-1,000 miles   | 5%                                     |
| Tier 3 | 1,001 – 1,500 miles   | 3%                                     |
| Tier 4 | 1,501 miles – 3000 miles  | 2%                                     |
| Tier 5 | >3000 miles   | 1.5%                                   |

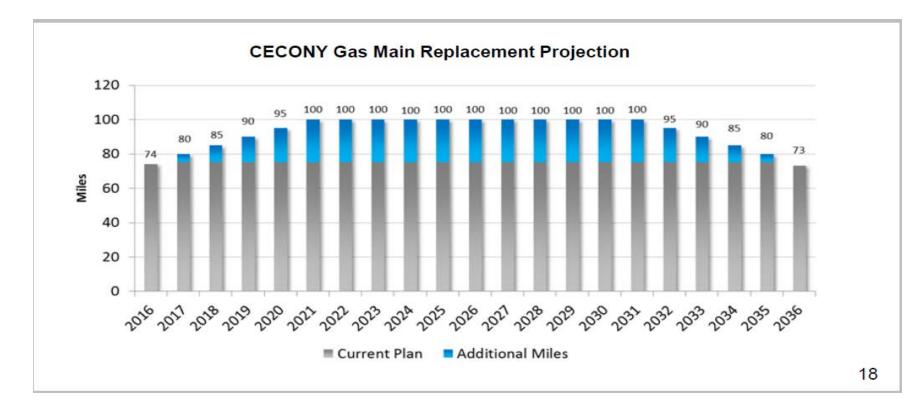


### BMPs: Cast Iron & Unprotected Steel Services

- Replace services with copper, plastic, or protected steel
- Rehabilitate CI and unprotected steel services with plastic pipe inserts or liners.
- Minimum commitment: replace/rehab services when a main is replaced or rehabilitated
- Not eligible for a stand-alone commitment but as an optional addition to the mains BMP



### Current plans on mains replacement meet the EPA's BMPs



BMP requires 2%, or ~40 miles. CECONY commits to 4% by 2017 and 5% by 2021.

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## Miles of leak-prone pipe versus replacement rate targets

| 2015 YE Inventory per 2015 DOT |      | %           |
|--------------------------------|------|-------------|
| Report                         | 2067 | Replacement |
| Planned 2016 Replacement       | 74   | 3.58%       |
| Remaining Inventory at YE 2016 | 1993 |             |
| Planned 2017 Replacement       | 80   | 4.01%       |
| Remaining Inventory at YE 2017 | 1913 |             |
| Planned 2018 Replacement       | 85   | 4.44%       |
| Remaining Inventory at YE 2018 | 1828 |             |
| Planned 2019 Replacement       | 90   | 4.92%       |
| Remaining Inventory at YE 2019 | 1738 |             |
| Planned 2020 Replacement       | 95   | 5.47%       |
| Remaining Inventory at YE 2020 | 1643 |             |
| Planned 2021 Replacement       | 100  | 6.09%       |
| Remaining Inventory at YE 2021 | 1543 |             |

### Summary

- Con Edison is committed to reduce emissions through a long-term main replacement program
- Current plans represent an accelerated time frame for replacement under challenging conditions
- Voluntary participation in programs like the Methane Challenge demonstrates good faith effort to outside stakeholders
- Methane Challenge partnership is consistent with Con Edison core values of *safety, operational excellence* and *customer experience*

