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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CONSOLIDATED EDISON INC [ED]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/24/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President & Treasurer

CONSOLIDATED EDISON, INC., 4 IRVING PLACE, ROOM 1618-S

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10009

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/24/2005		M	375 A (3)	664.0388	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**



## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents one-third of award under Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.'s Executive Incentive Plan, which was deferred for five years as equivalent stock units.
- (2) Equivalent stock units are converted into common stock on a 1- for -1 basis.
- (3) Not Applicable
- (4) Equivalent stock units acquired, through the dividend reinvestment feature of the Executive Incentive Plan, on various dates between January 1 through December 31, 2004 at prices ranging from \$38.9950 to \$44.4400.
- (5) Performance Based Restricted Stock Units ("PBRS") granted under the Consolidated Edison, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan -- the restricted stock units will vest in 2008.
- (6) PBRS (phantom stock) are converted into common stock on a 1 for 1 basis.
- (7) The number of shares (or cash equivalents) will change based on certain performance criteria, including criteria other than the market price, specified under the Consolidated Edison, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (8) The amount of shares changed based on certain performance criteria, other than market price, under the Consolidated Edison, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan.

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