

## IMPORTANT- Critical Action Required on your Part to Ensure Safety When Working Near Overhead Power Lines

The New York State High-Voltage Proximity Act (“Act”) imposes critical obligations and restrictions on any individual or company who may be working near overhead electric utility power lines. **Serious injury or death can occur if workers or their equipment get too close to power lines.**

The Act requires the employer, contractor or other person responsible for work near overhead power lines to notify Con Edison (or other local electric utility) before there is any work or construction activity in dangerous proximity to overhead power lines. **Dangerous proximity is within ten feet of the power lines or such greater distance as specified by OSHA, NYS Industrial Code or the National Electric Safety Code.**

Your obligation as an employer, contractor or person responsible for the work or construction is to advise Con Edison of the intended work or construction activity at least five days before the start of that activity. Con Edison will take precautionary actions (at your cost) so that the intended construction activity can be conducted more safely **if proper clearance from power lines by all persons, tools, machinery and equipment is maintained at all times.** You may not begin your work or construction until all precautionary actions have been completed. In addition, unless the power lines are de-energized and grounded or relocated by Con Edison (at your cost and when necessary based on the information provided by you), all other precautionary actions taken by Con Edison still require you to maintain the proper clearance from power lines at all times.

**The Act also requires that the employer, contractor or other person responsible for the construction activity, perform additional requirements, including but not limited to the following:**

- Educate workers of the inherent dangers in working near overhead power lines;
- Treat all power lines as energized until assurance has been given that they have been de-energized and grounded; and
- Post and maintain durable warning signs in plain view of the operator on each piece of equipment legible at a distance of twelve feet reading: “**Danger Unlawful to Operate Any Part Of This Equipment Within 10 Feet of High-Voltage Lines.**” Place additional warning signs on various parts of the equipment to provide similar warnings to others in the vicinity of the power lines.

More information regarding working near overhead power lines is available at the Con Edison website: <https://www.coned.com/en/small-medium-size-businesses/building-project-center/contractor-resources>. Scroll down to the boxed section titled “Going to Work Near Overhead Lines?” and its associated specifications for information.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that in addition to the Act and the information on Con Edison’s website, there may be additional local, state or federal laws, rules, regulations or requirements applicable to your work, including, but not limited to, the Rules of the City of New York , OSHA regulations, the New York State Industrial Code and the National Electrical Safety Code. If you intend to use cranes, derricks or similar equipment, or plan to work near transmission lines additional protections are required.