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A1	6/28	Agreement	When are the payments from Con Edison issued?	Under the BQDM DR program a single net payment (comprising all compensation net penalties) will be made or will be due after end of capability period, i.e., after September 30th of the applicable year, but before November 20th of the same year.
A2	6/22	Agreement	Are there any consequences for increasing load in the 11 am – 12 am timeframe outside of the auction product window?	<p>Yes. Participants cannot use a strategy that increases usage outside of the auction product window. If load increases 15% or less from your baseline, there are no penalties; however baseline load increases above 15% outside of the auction product window within the 11 am - 12 pm timeframe will be added back such that it affects the Performance Penalty. Penalty payments due to under performance are determined by the Annual Performance Factor for performance factors below 85%. Lower performance incurs a graduated increasing penalty. In other words, if a participant increases electric load 15% or more above its baseline, the kWh above the 15% threshold from the hours of 11 AM to 12 AM will be netted against the participant's cumulative kWh reduction during the event window.</p> <p>For example, if a customer has a constant baseline of 100 kW of demand and pledged 50 kW in the 4 PM to 8 PM call window. If on an event day the participant's usage is 120 kW from 11 AM to 1 PM, 100 kW from 1 PM to 4 PM, 50 kW during the event window, and then 100 kW from 8 PM to 12 AM, a total of 10 kWh (5 kW* x 2 hours) would be subtracted from its cumulative reduction of 200 kWh (50 x 4 hours) for a net reduction amount of 190 kWh. This net reduction amount would be used in calculating the annual performance factor of the participant. [* - 5kW is obtained by estimating consumption over 115% of the baseline; in the above example it is 120 kW – 115%*100kW]</p>

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A3	7/7	Agreement	What form of security other than a cash deposit is acceptable to Con Edison under section VII Security Requirements page of the Pre-Qualification Application?	Con Edison will only accept a Letter of Credit as security. Security must be posted before August 31 st .
A4	7/7	Agreement	What is meant by the statement "After specified program milestones, the amount of the letter of credit or guaranty will be altered."?	Aggregators notify Con Edison of Enrollment Deficiency amounts (by February 15, 2017 for 2017 DR products and February 15, 2018 for 2018 DR products) after which Con Edison will reallocate any deficiency amounts to other suppliers. These changes in quantity (+/-) will alter the amount of the letter of credit for affected suppliers.
A5	7/20	Agreement	Do we have to put up actual dollar amount during submission of the pre-qualification form? Or is it just a letter of credit?	Con Edison requires a letter of credit for security in accordance with the BQDM program rules and as illustrated here . The letter of credit is not due at the time of pre-qualification. The letter of credit is due in August at the time of signing the BQDM Program Agreement, which occurs after auction awards have been made. Please see our BQDM DR program rules for additional information.
A6	7/20	Agreement	The contract mentions Exhibit A that we could not locate. Please provide.	Exhibit A refers to form of the letter of credit. An updated form of letter of credit has been posted to the website and is available here .

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A7	8/4	Agreement	Given that a Demand Response Provider will provide capacity in both 2017 and 2018, can we provide one copy of the BQDM Program Agreement for both years?	Yes, you may provide one copy of the Program Agreement for both years as the substance of the agreement remains the same for both years. Information for both capacity years must be provided throughout the entire agreement.
B1	6/28	Auction	Can all 4 products, for the 8 hour time windows across both in 2017 and 2018, be linked?	You may only link the two 4 hour time windows within a given year by indicating that the offer provided is "All or Nothing." You may not link products across years. Please note that award winners from the auctions for 2017 DR products will be notified and clearing prices announced at the end of the first auction day (July 27th). This will provide resources with additional information before bidding into the 2018 DR products auction the following day (July 28th).
B2	6/28	Auction	How does the real time auction provide anonymity? Is it possible to see the other participant bids?	The auction is anonymous in that the only information visible to bidders is the lowest overall bid price; and relative rank of your last submitted bid. No other data or identifying information will be visible to other participants.
B3	6/28	Auction	What is the criteria for setting the clearing price by Con Edison after the auction?	The clearing price will be primarily set by the bid price of load relief at the margin to secure the target quantity of load relief Con Edison has estimated is needed for each DR product.
B4	6/28	Auction	Does Con Edison plan to release the names of the winners of the auction blocks publically, immediately after the auction process?	At the end of each auction day, our intention is to notify winners of award(s). At the conclusion of the entire auction process, Con Edison plans to publicly post the final clearing price for each auction product.

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B5	6/22	Auction	Can the bids for each product be linked?	Awards for each auction product will be made on the basis of the final clearing price for each such auction and thus bid prices cannot be explicitly linked. However, bids can be “Mutually Exclusive”, i.e., where the bidder enters the same 4 hour resource for both annual products 4 pm – 8 pm and 8 pm – 12 am intending to clear in only one auction offering the higher clearing price, and bids can also be “All or Nothing”, i.e., where the bidder enters a 8 hour resource for both annual products 4 pm – 8 pm and 8 pm – 12 am intending to clear in both auctions or not at all.										
B6	7/7	Auction	If I bid in both the 2017 and 2018 Product Auctions, can I withdraw my winning bid awards for 2017 if I am not awarded a bid in the 2018 Product Auctions?	Yes, however this is considered to be a deficiency declaration and will incur an Early Exit Fee equal to Deficient Quantity x Auction Clearing Price x 10%.										
B7	7/20	Auction	How were the auction product ceiling prices set? Why is product #1, 2017: 4-8 PM set so much lower than the others?	<table border="1" data-bbox="852 902 1751 1192"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="852 902 1304 967"><u>Products</u></th> <th data-bbox="1304 902 1751 967"><u>Ceiling Prices (\$/kW-year)</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="852 967 1304 1024">1. 2017: 4 pm – 8 pm</td> <td data-bbox="1304 967 1751 1024">\$250</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="852 1024 1304 1081">2. 2017: 8 pm – 12 am</td> <td data-bbox="1304 1024 1751 1081">\$1,250</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="852 1081 1304 1138">3. 2018: 4 pm – 8 pm</td> <td data-bbox="1304 1081 1751 1138">\$775</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="852 1138 1304 1192">4. 2018: 8 pm – 12 am</td> <td data-bbox="1304 1138 1751 1192">\$1,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="852 1224 1955 1284">The auction ceiling prices were set based upon the forecasted peak and the relative need and value of DR during the specified windows.</p>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Ceiling Prices (\$/kW-year)</u>	1. 2017: 4 pm – 8 pm	\$250	2. 2017: 8 pm – 12 am	\$1,250	3. 2018: 4 pm – 8 pm	\$775	4. 2018: 8 pm – 12 am	\$1,000
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B8	7/20	Auction	<p>With regard to the Auction Clearing Price and the Reservation Payment, if the Clearing Price is a "\$/kW-year" value and the BQDM program is for the 5-month period May 1 through September 30, will the Reservation Payment be calculated based on 12 months of capacity (Clearing Price \$/kW-year * Cleared Quantity kW) or 5 months (Clearing Price \$/kW- year * 5/12 * Cleared Quantity kW)?</p>	<p>The \$/kW-year value is the total amount a DR provider will receive per kW offered for the capability period from May 1 through September 30th. Therefore, the amount a DR provider can expect to receive as base compensation for any single DR product for the applicable year is the clearing price in \$/kW-Year multiplied by the quantity cleared in kW.</p>
B9	7/20	Auction	<p>Is there a minimum bid amount or can the bidder submit a bid of \$0?</p>	<p>Con Edison will establish a minimum clearing price. If a bidder attempts to enter a bid below the floor bid, it will not be accepted into the auction and an error message will appear on the bidder's screen saying "Your price is outside the acceptable bid range." The bidder will have to enter a higher bid price.</p> <p>All bids entered are binding on the bidder, i.e., the bidder is making a legally binding bid to provide DR to Con Edison for the BQDM DR Program at the price that that bidder has entered. Bidders who enter low bids as "price-takers" must be willing to accept the risk that the clearing price may be below their acceptable minimum threshold.</p>

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B10	7/20	Auction	During the auction process, can you explain the significance of the “quantity” that appears on the bidding screen?	Please disregard this value as it has no significance. The quantity a DR provider will be bidding, will be based on the bid quantity form provided in the Pre-qualification form. As a reminder, different pre-qualified quantities will require the setup of separate logins for the Procurex platform. Procurex or Con Edison will follow up with the registrants to identify the log-ins associated with the prequalified quantities.
B11	7/20	Auction	Will we be able to test the platform before the auction?	Yes. Please register for the auction platform training to receive an opportunity to test the platform. (See https://conedbqdmauction.com/training/).
B12	7/20	Auction	Each auction (2017 and 2018) allows up to five bids to be bid with each bid capped at 2 MW. Can groups of these five bids be designated as “All or Nothing” so that the entire sub-group of designated bids would clear together, or not at all, in the auction?	No, you may not designate groups of blocks together as “all-or-nothing” In order to ensure they clear together, or not at all. However, you may price the bids when participating in the live auction by submitting bids at the same price.

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B13	7/20	Auction	If there are multiple blocks offered at the clearing price, will all blocks at the clearing price be awarded, even if it results in Con Edison procuring more kW than intended? If not, how will Con Edison determine which of these blocks will be awarded?	Con Edison will award all bids if the aggregate total of all bids received including tied bids at the margin results in an acquired price that is less than or equal to that allocated to DR resources by the BQDM budget. However, if the total price including the tied marginal bids exceed the budgeted amount, then Con Edison may limit the amount cleared at the same clearing price by offering the marginal bidder an ability to win a partial award by accepting a lower quantity.
B14	7/20	Auction	Can I have multiple instances of Firefox / IE open with multiple "tranches"? Or is there a system limitation that hangs up a cookie and am required to be on different PCs?	Technically, you can bid using two separate browsers on the same computer. However, to ensure a smooth bidding process it is inadvisable to do so as the screens will look exactly the same on both browsers. Con Edison would highly recommend using different computers for each bid.
B15	7/20	Auction	Can a DR provider reduce the quantity of a bid or offer separate volumes at different prices?	Each company can have up to 5 bids. As noted on the pre-qualification form, the lowest amount is 50 kW and maximum is 2,000 kW per bid. So with a total of 5 bids, a DR provider can have up to 10 MW, which can each be bid separately using different pricing strategies. If you plan on doing so, please let us know so we can test it with you in the mock auction.
B16	7/20	Auction	What is the minimum bid decrement in case of a tie?	There are 2 types of tied bids. One is a tie low bid, where a DR provider is looking to bid the same price as the current lowest bid, which the system would disallow. In other words, the system will not accept a tied low bid. The second type is a tied non-low bid. The system will rank such tied bids in the order it was bid. In other words, the first DR provider to bid the amount will have a better rank than a bidder who made the same bid at a later time.

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B17	7/20	Auction	Does each bid quantity need to be offered in separately? And with a unique ID?	If you are bidding multiple quantities in a single auction, you would need a separate login for each of those quantities. You can, however, submit as many as you bids (i.e., in descending price order) as you want for each quantity during the live auction.
B18	7/20	Auction	Is it possible for the auction to end at 15 minutes if no new bids are submitted at the 13 minute mark?	Yes, it is possible.
B19	7/20	Auction	What are the starting prices going to be set at?	For each auction a ceiling price has been created and can be found in section ID B7 of this document. You cannot enter a bid higher than the ceiling price and you can lower your bid price through the duration of the auction.
B20	7/20	Auction	Can a supplier that plans to bid on only the 2018 auction be able to watch the 2017 auction so to see how the 2017 bids are doing?	At the end of the auction day on 2017, Con Edison will release the clearing prices for both 2017 DR products.
B21	7/20	Auction	What is the "target" amount of MWs you anticipate clearing for each product?	Con Edison has established both target quantities and a budget for the DR program but will not be making it public to preserve the integrity of the auction. At the conclusion of the auction, Con Edison will release information related to the auction.
B22	7/20	Auction	In order to create multiple logins (to manage more than one bid), do you need to use a different email address for each one? In other words can a DR provider use email "a" for all four products?	If a DR provider is bidding a single bid in 4 different auctions, the DR provider will be able to use the same email address and login information for each auction. Multiple emails and logins are necessary to place multiple bids in the same auction.

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B23	7/20	Auction	Within a single auction, should a DR provider provide which email or account to use for each bid quantity in the pre-qualification form? Alternatively, how will a DR provider know which quantity corresponds to which login?	Each of the bids for any DR product will be associated with a specific email or account. Con Edison and its consultant will provide you with this information so you are fully informed ahead of bidding and participation in the live auction.
B24	7/20	Auction	What is the deadline to provide changes to bid quantity form to that accurate bid quantities are reflected in the Procurex system on the day of the auction?	The deadline to submit the prequalification form is at midnight EST, July 20, 2016. While we prefer that no changes to quantities are made after the July 20th deadline, the Company will accommodate revisions until July 25, 2016, 5 PM EST. We will not permit any changes to 2017 product quantities to be made after this deadline. While we highly discourage late changes to 2018 quantities, we will accommodate changes to 2018 quantities through 10 PM EST on July 27, 2016.
C1	6/28	Baseline	Can energy storage in the BQDM DR auction use other baselines and who should we reach out to for more information?	As some DR resources such as energy storage installations may operate in a manner such that there may be a baseline that better estimates load relief as compared to a standardized baseline, we are open to accepting, at our discretion, an appropriate, alternate baseline. If you would like to discuss such an alternate, please contact us via e-mail at bqdmauction@coned.com with information specific to your proposed DR resources.

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C2	6/28	Baseline	If we are going to provide a resource over both products in 1 year, will there be 2 customer base lines (CBLs) calculated and if so, at what times of the day?	Con Edison's baseline methodology is available at http://www.coned.com/energyefficiency/PDF/customer_baseline_load_procedure.pdf . Con Edison will use the same methodology in estimating load reductions (and increases) during the period beginning 11 am through midnight on days when a BQDM DR event is called. Regardless of whether the DR resource is providing load relief during 4 pm – 8 pm, 8 pm – midnight, or both, the baseline established through this methodology will be utilized to determine the load relief provided during the period when load relief is expected from that resource.
C3	6/22	Baseline	I have battery storage units that regularly discharge at the same time every day, can I request that my baseline is adjusted by Con Edison to reflect actual battery discharge?	Yes. Please send your request to bqdmauction@coned.com
C4	7/7	Baseline	How will Con Edison measure load relief and load increases from 11 am to midnight?	<p>Con Edison measures load relief by calculating the difference between a customer's baseline load during the event hours and the customer's actual load during the event. Con Edison has two baseline methodologies, Average Day and Weather Adjusted.</p> <p>Average Day: This baseline methodology looks back over the past 30 days and selects days with the highest average usage during the customer's call window. For example, if a customer is in the 4 pm to 8 pm call window, the methodology will look for the five days with the highest average usage during 4 pm and 8 pm; similarly for customers in the 8 pm to 12 am and 4 pm to 12 pm call windows. The methodology then averages the usage for all 24 hours from the 5 days selected to make the full baseline. It is from this baseline that Con Edison will measure load reduction during the applicable event window and load increase between 11 am and 12 am but outside the event window. See the FAQ C5 for more information on the implications of increasing load between 11 am and midnight.</p>

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C5	6/22	Baseline	Are there any consequences for increasing load in the 11 am – 12 am timeframe outside of the auction product window?	<p>Yes. Participants cannot use a strategy that increases usage outside of the auction product window. If load increases 15% or less from your baseline, there are no penalties; however baseline load increases above 15% outside of the auction product window within the 11 am - 12 pm timeframe will be added back such that it affects the Performance Penalty. Penalty payments due to under performance are determined by the Annual Performance Factor for performance factors below 85%. Lower performance incurs a graduated increasing penalty. In other words, if a participant increases electric load 15% or more above its baseline, the kWh above the 15% threshold from the hours of 11 AM to 12 AM will be netted against the participant's cumulative kWh reduction during the event window.</p> <p>For example, if a customer has a constant baseline of 100 kW of demand and pledged 50 kW in the 4 PM to 8 PM call window. If on an event day the participant's usage is 120 kW from 11 AM to 1 PM, 100 kW from 1 PM to 4 PM, 50 kW during the event window, and then 100 kW from 8 PM to 12 AM, a total of 10 kWh (5 kW* x 2 hours) would be subtracted from its cumulative reduction of 200 kWh (50 x 4 hours) for a net reduction amount of 190 kWh. This net reduction amount would be used in calculating the annual performance factor of the participant. [* - 5kW is obtained by estimating consumption over 115% of the baseline; in the above example it is 120 kW – 115%*100kW]</p>
D1	6/28	Eligibility	Are commercial/industrial customers eligible if they are open during the relief hours?	Yes, they are eligible.
D2	6/28	Eligibility	Do participants need to be screened ahead of time in order to participate in the auction?	Yes. All participants will have to be prequalified by Con Edison to participate. All required prequalification forms are posted in the [documents] section of the website (www.conedbqdmauction.com).

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D3	6/28	Eligibility	Are there any restrictions on how much relief can be generation / storage, versus load curtailment, either at the aggregator level, or at the meter (building) level?	The only technology restriction is the 20% overall portfolio limitation on the use of diesel generation per DR Provider.
D4	6/22	Eligibility	I would like to participate in the auction with two aggregators, is this acceptable under the auction rules?	Con Edison can accommodate only one aggregator behind each meter. However, Con Edison could more readily accommodate a customer who is open to installing an entirely separate second meter. For example, Con Edison could accommodate a customer that wants to participate with one aggregator for load curtailment and a second aggregator for a battery storage solution provided the customer installs an entirely separate meter for the battery storage solution.
D5	6/22	Eligibility	Can I aggregate 2 customers with 2 hours of equal quantities of load relief each into a 4 hour block?	Yes provided participants meet the requirements of the Agreement.
D6	6/22	Eligibility	I have an 8-hour resource that I either want to clear in both annual auctions products (4 PM to 8 PM AND 8 PM to 12 AM) or not at all. How do I accomplish this?	The pre-qualification form will include an "All or Nothing" check-box to indicate if your bid is an 8-hour All or Nothing bid across the two auction products in a year for the 2017 auctions and/or the 2018 auctions.

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D7	6/22	Eligibility	What DR technologies are eligible to participate in the upcoming auctions?	A. All technologies that provide load relief are eligible to participate provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a measurable load reduction; • Are dynamic and dispatchable; and • Meet the applicable environmental requirements, permits and laws.
D8	6/22	Eligibility	Our company provides supply-side solutions. Can we bid in supply-side solutions, which directly interconnect into the grid?	No. This auction is for customer-side solutions only (behind the meter) and not from the grid (supply side). Con Edison has issued an RFI which is looking at all potential solutions to address the BQ deficiency. See the following web page for more information about the Competitive Solutions Opportunities RFI: http://www.coned.com/energyefficiency/competitive_solutions_opportunities.asp
D9	6/22	Eligibility	Can we confirm if a particular location is within or outside of the boundaries of BQDM?	To confirm a location is within the boundaries of BQDM, please submit an email with the specific location to bqdmauction@coned.com
D10	6/22	Eligibility	Is Natural Gas generation permitted under the program?	Yes, natural gas generation compliant with applicable environmental laws and permitting requirements are eligible.
D11	6/22	Eligibility	Are DR participants allowed to participate in other DR programs?	Yes, provided such participants meet all requirements under the BQDM Agreement.
D12	7/7	Eligibility	Knowing the electrical boundaries of the networks are not exactly the same as the geographical map you have provided to date. Do you have a live map of the BQDM zone?	See answer in D9.

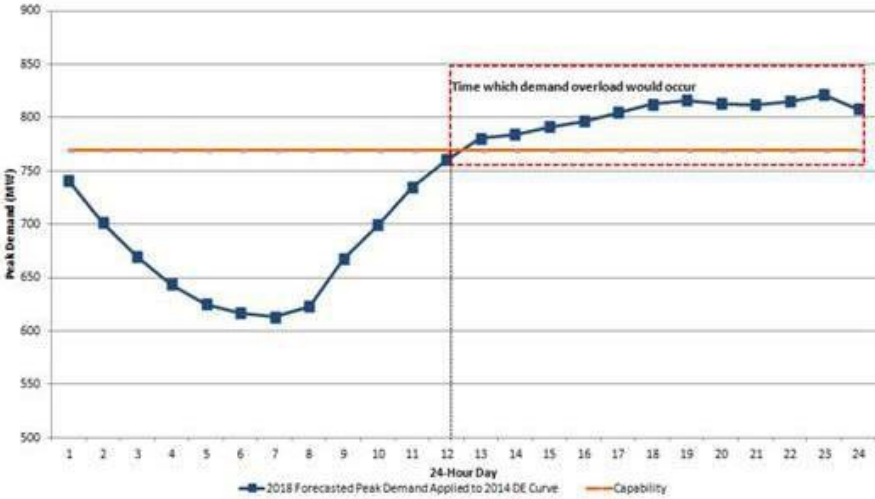
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D13	7/7	Eligibility	Must load reduction be accompanied with dispatch capability and telemetry?	No. Notifications will be issued via email. As long as you have a communicating meter, there is no need for telemetry. Con Edison will get the meter data from the communicating meter. For more information see the response to question H22.
D14	7/20	Eligibility	Who can be a DR Provider?	A DR provider can be any entity that works or would work with a BQDM area customer. The DR provider can be a customer, an aggregator or other entity. There is no specific additional registration requirements to become a DR provider.
D15	7/20	Eligibility	Are there gating requirements which may exclude participation? For example, must load reduction must be accompanied with dispatch capability or telemetry.	Con Edison does not require telemetry for auto-dispatch purposes. However, an interval meter is required. During tests or planned events, Con Edison will send a day-ahead notification (21-hours ahead) to the DR provider via email, and enrolled customers will be expected to provide the contracted load relief . Con Edison will retrieve meter data to verify compliance through metering data.
D16	7/20	Eligibility	Can you discuss how a participant will be pre-qualified on their quantity for the auction?	Bidders are required to enter the quantities they plan to bid in the prequalification form. Quantities may range from a minimum of 50 kW per bid to a maximum of 2,000 kW per bid. A total of 5 bids may be entered for an aggregate maximum total of 10,000 kW. Con Edison will perform a high-level diligence check to review prequalification applications for completeness. Quantities entered on the pre-qualification form are the amounts committed by the DR provider for bidding on the date of the auction(s).
D17	7/20	Eligibility	Is there is no opportunity to change quantities after pre-qualification?{(The deadline to submit the prequalification form is at midnight EST, July 20, 2016. While we prefer that no changes to quantities are made after the July 20th deadline, the Company will accommodate revisions until July 25, 2016, 5 PM EST. We will not permit any changes to 2017 product quantities to be made after this deadline. While we highly discourage late changes to 2018 quantities, we will accommodate changes to 2018 quantities through 10 PM EST on July 27, 2016.

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D18	7/20	Eligibility	What are options available for storage developers working with customers who currently work with an aggregator to provide curtailment DR?	<p>As discussed in D4, we will permit two DR providers to use the same customer to provide load relief if there are two (or more) electrically isolated billing interval meters with each DR provider using a different meter for providing their respective load relief. Con Edison may request a one line diagram to verify that the meters are electrically isolated. Additionally, Con Edison will offer the following options -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If an account has only one interval meter, then only one aggregator can provide DR through Con Edison. If the customer chooses to use multiple service providers for load management, those service providers may enter into bilateral agreements to split DR revenue, with one DR provider entering into a contract with Con Edison and splitting revenues with the other DR provider. 2. If two DR providers separately bid into the auction and win awards, Con Edison will permit the providers to enter into a bilateral agreement for the same customer account after the auction, and Con Edison will allow a bilateral transfer of portfolio quantity.
E1	6/28	Export	Are resources exporting to the grid allowed to participate in the BQDM DR Program?	<p>Con Edison will permit resources that export excess power on to the grid, i.e., customers categorized as belonging to Service Classification No. 11 per Con Edison tariff (Refer to Leaf 461 or page 83 of http://coned.com/documents/elecPSC10/SCs.pdf), to participate in the BQDM DR Program. If such a resource operates in a manner such that there may be a baseline that better estimates load relief as compared to a standardized baseline, we are open to accepting, at our discretion, an appropriate, alternate baseline. If you would like to discuss such an alternate, please contact us via e-mail at bqdmauction@coned.com with information specific to your proposed DR resource.</p>
F1	6/28	General	Will the PowerPoint from the Webinar on June 22nd be made available on the Auction web site?	<p>Yes. It is available in the Documents section of the website (www.conedbqdmauction.com).</p>

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F2	6/28	General	How many participants do you expect for each auction product?	Con Edison will be able to estimate the participation level after receipt of the pre-qualification forms but does not intend to release information publicly. Con Edison will release information on some auction results such as clearing prices after the conclusion of the auctions.
F3	6/28	General	Where can DR Providers find more information about the forecasted overload and the electric customer base and in the BQDM area?	<p>The figure below will provide you with the summer overload period in the BQDM area. The following link can be used to find more information on the customer base in BQDM: https://conedbqdmauctiondotcom.files.wordpress.com/2016/03/bqdm-area-electric-customers.xlsx</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Brooklyn-Queens Load Pocket: Summer Peak Overload Period</p>  <p>Note: The expected number of hours of overload is generally in the range of 40 – 48 hours, occurring in the summer months.</p>

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G1	6/22	Interconnection	Am I responsible for a delay in generator or battery storage interconnection?	Con Edison's Energy Services team will accept applications for behind the meter generator or battery storage interconnections. Interconnection times vary by size and complexity of the proposed project. Con Edison will respond to interconnection applications by providing support and guidance to complete the interconnection process. However, the DR provider will be responsible to ensure the completion of interconnection and, if applicable, permitting by other agencies, in time to provide committed load relief under the BQDM DR Program. You can find Con Edison's Energy Services web site at: http://www.coned.com/es/
H1	6/28	Meters	Can you confirm that Con Edison would be responsible for the cost of installation of the smart meter?	If a customer's annual high demand exceeds 500 kW and the customer qualifies for Con Edison's Mandatory Hour Pricing (MHP) program, Con Edison will install a communicating interval meter at no cost to the customer. If a customer does not qualify for the MHP program then the customer is responsible for installing the communicating interval meter and associated costs. Please refer to the Con Edison meter upgrade manual for additional information (http://www.coned.com/energyefficiency/forms/Meter_Upgrade_Manual.pdf).
H2	6/22	Meters	What are Con Edison's commitments to help customers install communicating interval meters?	Con Edison will install a communicating interval meter within 21 business days of the later of the Company's receipt of an applicant's payment for an upgraded meter or either: 1. a request has been made to the telephone company for a dedicated line or, 2. an IP address has been assigned to the meter for a wirelessly communicating meter. If Con Edison fails to install an upgraded meter within the 21 business day timeframe due to reasons within the Company's control, the participant will not be held responsible for such issues related to the meter when determining the reservation payment. Customers are responsible for maintaining communications if their annual high demand is less than 500 kW. For more information please refer to the Meter Upgrade Manual: http://www.coned.com/energyefficiency/forms/Meter_Upgrade_Manual.pdf and the BQDM DR Program rules.
H3	7/20	Meter	What is the cost of an interval meter?	The cost of an interval meter varies based on the customer, the metering set-up, and location. Please refer to the Con Edison meter upgrade manual for additional information (http://www.coned.com/energyefficiency/forms/Meter_Upgrade_Manual.pdf). In summary, meter applications should be submitted to Con Edison. Con Edison will then generate a quote for the upgrade. Installations occur typically within 21 days of payment.

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H4	7/20	Meter	Is it possible to participate in this program with residential customers using an M&V protocol consistent with NYISO DR Protocols that does not involve an interval meter?	Unfortunately, at this time Con Edison requires an interval meter as outlined in the Program Agreement and Rules . Con Edison cannot determine the amount of load relief provided by a resource without interval metering data and can thus not accept non-interval metered customers.
H5	7/20	Meter	Can we use our direct meters to measure data for the BQDM DR Program?	The BQDM DR program requires Con Edison approved interval meters with ability for Con Edison to access data from meters. Meters that meet our requirement will be accepted to measure load relief
I1	6/22	Other	What is the projected DLRP valuation for this targeted region for 2017 and 2018.	For more information regarding the DLRP program including compensation, and for other information regarding the DLRP rules, please visit the following page which contains the DLRP Tariff: http://www.coned.com/energyefficiency/demand_response.asp
I2	7/20	Other	Can you provide the dates historically for which the BQDM program would have been called (both 4- 8pm and 8pm- midnight	Based on analysis of historical load information in the BQDM area, the program would be called between 2 to 6 times per year on average. For example, the last year with a significant heat wave was 2013 when the BQDM DR program, if it existed, could be expected to call the 4 pm – 8 pm product 2 times and the 8 pm – 12 am call 6 times.

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13	10/4	Other	A colleague of mine recently learned about battery projects in Con Edison territory experiencing delays with FDNY and DOB permits for both indoor and outdoor installations. Do you have any information on the statuses of FDNY battery approvals and if we should expect similar delays in bringing our projects online?	No, the Company cannot provide guidance on permitting timelines of local authorities. It is the DR Provider's responsibility to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations and to provide the service on-time.
14	10/4	Other	Besides the articles in Utility Dive, Green Technology and etc, is there an official list by Con Edison that lists all the BQDM participants, at least the ones of who gave their permission to be listed publically?	Any verified Con Edison customer may request a list of the Awardees under the BQDM program. To request a list of the Awardees, Con Edison customers may contact us at BQDM@ConEd.com.
J1	6/28	Program	Are BQDM events called on a network- by-network basis?	No. The BQDM program constraint is at the sub transmission feeder level, therefore there is no distinction between networks. The entire BQDM area will be called in an event. We note that this is in contrast to the Distribution Load Relief Program (DLRP) which may be called on a network-by-network basis.

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J2	6/28	Program	When does Con Edison plan to test the resources?	Test events are at the discretion of Con Edison and will be announced using the standard notification process as if it was an actual event. However, if there are actual events, there will be a lower likelihood of having an independent test event.
J3	6/28	Program	Will there be a post-install M&V process?	No. All performance is based on actual meter data during tests and planned events. Under BQDM DR program, Customer Baseline Load (CBL) in accordance with the procedure currently used for the Commercial System Relief Program (CSRP) (Refer to http://www.coned.com/energyefficiency/PDF/customer_baseline_load_procedure.pdf), or a Con Edison approved alternate baseline will be used to assess performance and compute penalties.
J4	6/28	Program	How do the buy side mitigation rules apply to payments under the BQDM along with SCR	Con Edison does not restrict anyone for participating in another DR program as long as participants meet all the requirements of the BQDM DR Program. Con Edison does not administer the SCR program offered by the NYISO. Participants are encouraged to speak directly to other programs, including the NYISO, to see how those program rules may or may not apply.
J5	6/28	Program	How will Con Edison work with customers in the BQDM area if they approach Con Edison after the conclusion of the auction with an intention to participate in the Company's DR	Con Edison will assist eligible customers in the BQDM area who express an intent to participate in DR programs in three ways: (1) Facilitate customer contact with the list of aggregators who have received awards through the BQDM DR Auction, (2) Permit customer to enroll as a voluntary participant and receive a performance payment (\$5/kWh) identical to that provided to BQDM DR Providers when dispatched by the BQDM DR Program during either 4 pm – 8 pm, or from 8 pm – midnight and, (3) Provide customer information about Con Edison's reliability program DLRP (Distribution Load Relief Program) that they can additionally enroll in.
J6	01/19/17 <i>New</i>	Program	What is the dispatch criteria Con Edison will use to trigger the program?	Con Edison intends to call a BQDM DR event when it expects that the next day will be a peak day in the BQDM Program Area (electrical networks of Crown Heights, Ridgewood and Richmond Hill). Con Edison's dispatch protocols currently being developed for the BQDM DR Program define a peak day as follows: (i) For DR resources providing load relief between 4 pm – 8 pm - When the anticipated peak electrical load in the BQDM area the following day is no less than 92% of the summer peak forecast, and (ii) For DR resources providing load relief between 8 pm – 12 am - When the anticipated peak electrical load in the BQDM Area the following day is no less than 92% of the summer peak forecast.

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J7	6/22	Program	Does the Commercial System Relief Program (“CSRP”) 20% diesel generator limitation apply to BQDM?	Under its CSRP, Con Edison limits diesel generation to no more than 20% territory-wide. Con Edison intends to apply a similar cap to the BQDM DR Program by instituting a similar limitation on each bidder under which a 20% limitation on diesel generating equipment would apply to DR Provider’s total portfolio of DR resources.
J8	7/20	Program	How many total CSRP enrollments are there in the BQDM networks for 2016?	The total amount of current CSRP enrollments in the BQDM area is over 4 MW.
J9	7/20	Program	When the dispatch trigger is reached for the resources to be called upon, are all resources under BQDM DR program called? Or is there a mechanism for the resources to be called in part or not at all?	Under the BQDM program, all resources for a specific DR product are called when the dispatch trigger is reached.
J10	7/20	Program	Is the bonus payment made if the resource is not called upon at all during the capability period?	Even if there are no actual events, Con Edison will schedule at minimum one test per capability period in which a DR provider will be evaluated for potential bonus opportunity.

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J11	7/20	Program	Under the reallocation process, would a DR provider be allowed to increase their portfolio by adding DR resources in a different call window than they were awarded during the auction? If so, what is the reservation price award?	Con Edison will publish clear and transparent reallocation criteria to clarify how the reallocation process would work.
J12	7/20	Program	Is there going to be any equipment or installation funding available to help offset the cost of new equipment being installed for the BQDM program?	The BQDM DR program have set the ceiling prices at a high level in order to incent new entry of DR resources., The clearing price may provide sufficient revenues for DR providers to provide for the equipment installation and consequently result in new DR resources in the BQDM area..
J13	7/20	Program	Does Con Edison have plans to utilize the BQDM equipment after 2018? Or, can the equipment be enrolled in other DR programs?	The BQDM program ends in 2018, however we have an existing peak shaving DR program (CSRP or Commercial System Relief Program). For 2017 and 2018, Con Edison has received approval from the NY Public Service Commission to replace the CSRP in the BQDM area with the BQDM DR program., We expect that current DR providers in the BQDM area will be able to participate in the BQDM DR program with the potential to earn more revenues than they would have under CSRP. Con Edison also has a reliability DR program (Distribution Load Relief Information or DLRP), which participants could additionally enroll in. DR providers can also enroll in other DR programs such as those offered by the NYISO, once the provider can meet all obligations of the BQDM DR program.

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J14	10/4	Program	Are the dispatch triggers for the 4pm-8pm and 8pm-12am products based on peak daily load or peak hourly load within the specific time bucket? Will the program dispatch trigger always trigger both products?	Dispatch will be triggered on the daily peak load. Both products will dispatch any time the daily peak load is projected to be above the threshold.
J15	10/4	Program	Is the DR Provider required to specify the load reduction associated with each customer in a given DR product. Or is it sufficient to only specify which customers are enrolled in which products (along with the usual service account number, address, gen info, etc.)?	Yes. DR Providers will need to provide Con Edison with the specified load reduction associated with each customer for each Product (e.g., 2017 4pm -8pm).

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J16	10/4	Program	If there is a Planned Event during the capability year for a given DR product, will there still be a test? Is it correct that the test has no impact on the annual performance factor if there is no dispatch?	The Company is not required to have a test event if an actual event occurs, however, it retains the right to schedule a test event under the Program Agreement. It is important to note that test events occur early in the Summer season, therefore, it is more likely that a test event will occur prior to an actual event.
K1	8/4	Letter of Credit	Would it be correct for us to write one Letter of Credit (LOC) for each capability year, each expiring 60 days after the end of the delivery year (e.g. 11/29/2017 and	The Company requires a single LOC based on the year for which the base reservation compensation is higher. In other words, if a Company received awards for DR products during both 2017 and 2018 and, the clearing prices indicated a total reservation compensation for all awards of \$100,000 in 2017 and \$120,000 in 2018, the LOC due at the time of the signing of the program agreement will be 10% of \$120,000.
K2	8/4	Letter of Credit	In the Program Rules, it states that 10% of auction clearing price (up to \$150/kW-year) will be due on 8/10 and 8/11, but in the Pre-Qualification form it states that 30% (up to \$150/kW- year) will be required. Can you confirm that the 10% value in the program rules is correct?	The 10% is the correct number for the August deadline. The credit required increases to 30% at a later stage after DR providers declare deficiencies in February.

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K3	8/4	Letter of Credit	What is the minimum threshold for a bank to be accepted as an authorizing bank towards the Letter of Credit?	Con Edison will accept letters of credit from any bank that (i) Has \$10 billion in assets; (ii) Has a credit rating of A- (or equivalent) or better; and (iii) Has a branch in the United States.
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