

## Today's Lead: Con Ed Preparing For Hurricane Season

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Yesterday Con Edison revealed some of its first improvements to protect its network of equipment against flooding and storms as hurricane season quickly approaches. The planned upgrades are expected to total [\\$1 billion](#) over the next four years. To pay for it, the utility is asking for a rate hike that will amount to \$3 a month per customer. Con Ed has been [criticized](#) for being understaffed when the storm hit and for handing out bonuses to executives for their handling of it. The utility is also planning to spend [\\$1.2 billion](#) this year on upgrades to prepare for the summer heat.

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Several lawmakers, longtime Albany political operatives, and former staffers say that there is a “boys' club” atmosphere in the capitol where women are pressured to go along to get along. They blame a failed system of protection for women from unwanted advances and inappropriate behavior from male superiors -- including outdated and sometimes confusing requirements for reporting sexual harassment that fail to provide the kind of safeguards that exist in the corporate world. By David Howard King.

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