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Exhibit B*

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**Commonwealth Edison Company  
Claims Department  
PO Box 767  
Chicago, IL 60690-0767**

**Account No. 2786118001**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**In last week's power outage, our power went off about 8:50 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21 and was not restored until about 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 24. We have reason to believe that a good part of Com Ed's inability to restore our power in a timely fashion, unlike that restored to many living quite near us, was due to the antiquated equipment in our neighborhood, specifically a transformer that we suggested to Com Ed nine years ago should be replaced. Enclosed is a copy of that letter, dated July 22, 2002.**

**We were unable to get any information from Com Ed until about 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, when a real person we were finally able to speak with, who gave her name as "Pat", told my wife that 54 houses in our area were without power, and that an estimate of when service might resume was 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 24. When told that our nearby neighbors had power restored, Pat said, "... you have an old transformer." Pat also told us that as soon as the repair work was done, a technician would come to our house to address our concerns. That has not occurred. At about 8:30 a.m. on Friday, we were told by another real person that a "crew had been dispatched." That apparently turned out to be true, since power was restored to us at about 11:00 a.m.**

**We purchased dinners on June 22 and June 23, travelled to stay overnight in Naperville with our daughter on June 23, and replaced spoiled food we had to throw out on June 23 and June 24, itemized on page two below. Copies of receipts are enclosed. The total we are claiming for these direct costs attributable to the inferior equipment you have refused to replace for nine years is \$424.82, which we propose to offset against your \$96.65 bill to us due July 1 and subsequent bills until reduced to zero.**

**If you are unwilling to handle this matter in this fashion, please either send me a check for \$424.82 or otherwise inform me so I can file suit in small claims court – in which case I will seek other relief, including costs and aggravation. Please also preserve any telephone call recordings and any other information or documents, electronic or otherwise, for purposes of litigation in this matter.**

**Very truly yours,**

**John H. Bitner**

**copies to      Thomas S. O'Neill, Esq., Esq.  
                    Mr. Dennis Marino, Assistant Director  
                    Evanston Planning Department**

**Direct costs of extended power outage -**

<b>Dinner, Glen View Country Club, 6/22:</b>	<b>\$111.68</b>
<b>Mileage and tolls, Evanston/Naperville, 6/23-24:</b>	<b>54.30</b>
<b>Dinner, Francesca's Passaggio, 6/23:</b>	<b>42.83</b>
<b>Groceries, The Fresh Market, 6/24:</b>	<b>122.75</b>
<b>Groceries, Treasure Island, 6/25:</b>	<b><u>93.26</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$424.82</b>