

June 5th, 1982

Mr. Charles F. Luce
Chairman
Consolidated Edison Company of New York
4 Irving Place
New York, New York

Dear Sir,

I am a sculptor who lives in a private house wherein I also have my studio. I have lived in this same house for twenty-two years.

Every month when the electric bills come in I immediately pay the bills. My wife is home during the day so that the meters have always been available for reading by the Con Edison meter men.

Shortly before five o'clock one afternoon in the latter part of March 1982, I received a telephone call from Con Edison in which conversation it was pointed out to me that I owed Con Edison three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)*because your meter did not record all of the service you used during this time (the period in question being December 1st, 1976 to December 11th, 1981) and that I had tampered with the meter.

The truth is that I have not been home to work in my studio as I have been teaching in the public school system in Spanish Harlem and for this reason I have not been using the same amount of electricity as I did prior to 1976, when I had several commissions for the City of New York.

I presented the evidence of employment and the factual side of the situation to a member of the staff at Department of Public Service at Two World Trade Center, but received nothing that can be considered a fair hearing.

I now appeal to you to instruct your staff to consider this case and drop these charges that have been rendered against me.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,

John W. Rhoden