

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

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July 14, 1977  
3:30 P.M.

TO : The Commission  
FROM : Division of Market Regulation *20 B S P*  
SUBJECT : New York Power Failure and Exchange Trading

Our latest information concerning the New York power situation and its effects on exchange trading is as follows:

- (1) Power has not yet been restored in the Wall Street area, but Consolidated Edison has informed the NYSE that it may be able to provide power by 5-6 p.m. today.
- (2) The lightning bolt caused a surge of power all the way down to Manhattan, including the electrical lines leading to SIAC's computer. Until power is restored SIAC will not be able to determine the extent of any damage.
- (3) Lee Amaya, President of SIAC, indicates that every effort is being made to provide for an NYSE opening tomorrow.
- (4) The Options Clearing Corporation has announced that it is open for business and will accept exercise notices from clearing brokers up through Saturday.
- (5) Donald Crawford of the Securities Industry Association has informed us that he has been in touch with several of the major wirehouses concerning alternate ways of communicating orders to exchanges and options exercise notices to the Options Clearing Corporation. The firms he has spoken with are generally confident that they will be able to handle their orders and exercise notices manually even if their computers are not operational.