March 7, 1978

Docket No. 50-289

Metropolitan Edison Company ATTN: Mr. J. G. Herbein Vice President P. 0. Box 542 Reading, Pennsylvania 19603

Gentlemen:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 38 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-50 for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1. The amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications in response to your application dated February 17, 1978. Additional information pertaining to this proposed change was provided in your letter of March 1, 1978.

This amendment revises the axial power imbalance limits and axial power shaping rod position limits consistent with extending the duration of the present operating cycle from 270 ± 10 to 315 effective full power days.

Copies of the Safety Evaluation and the Notice of Issuance are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

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