UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-289

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY, ET AL

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 40 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-50, issued to Metropolitan Edison Company, Jersey Central Power and Light Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (the licensees), which revised the license and Technical Specifications for operation of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (the facility) located in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. The amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

The amendment revises the Technical Specifications to reflect plant operating limits for the fuel loading to be used during Cycle 5, and redefines the completion dates for certain modifications intended to improve the level of fire protection at this facility. This amendment also adds Technical Specifications for operability and surveillance of fire barrier penetration seals.

The applications for the amendment comply with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the

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Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the applications for amendment dated December 28, 1978, as supplemented March 1, 1979, and March 5, 1979, (2) Amendment No. 40 to License No. DPR-50, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation, (4) Supplement No. 1 to the Fire Protection Safety Evaluation and (5) the Commission's Modification of Conditions of Exemption which is also being published in the <u>Federal Register</u>. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and at the Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, Box 1601 (Education Building), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. A copy of items (2) through (5) may be obtained upon request addressed to

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the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 16th day of March 1979.

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