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In the Matter of Metropolitan Edison Company, et al.
(Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2)
Docket No. 50-320

Gentlemen:

During the hearing in this proceeding on December 12, 1978, the Staff's witness, Darrell G. Eisenhut, was examined concerning the use of the effective target area of the TMI-2 facility particularly concerning the use of a value other than 0.01 sq. miles (Tr. 506-513). For your information, the Staff has used a value other than 0.01 sq. miles for the effective target area in a number of proceedings, among them, the Hartsville proceeding (Safety Evaluation Report (SER) Section 2.2; Tr. 5608-5612; Second Supplemental Final Decision, LBP-76-44, 4 NRC 637, 640-642), the Pilgrim Unit 2 proceeding (Tr. 4670) and the Seabrook proceeding (SER, Supplement No. 2 at 2-4). Other values have been used in several other proceedings, as well, although they were not expressly set out in the Staff's Safety Evaluation Report or in the hearing record. Such cases include Hope Creek, Surry, Bellefonte, Delmarva, and Vogtle. If the Appeal Board so desires, the affidavits of the Staff reviewers for these cases can be obtained.

Sincerely,

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