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Mr. W. M. Creitz, President  
Metropolitan Edison Company  
Post Office Box 542  
Reading, Pennsylvania 19603

Dear Mr. Creitz:

As you are aware, it is our objective to complete the AEC licensing review, including any public hearing, of an application for an operating license for a nuclear power plant in time to permit a licensing decision to be made at or before the time the plant is ready for fuel loading. In order to achieve this objective, it is essential that the application for an operating license be prepared and accepted for AEC review well in advance of the scheduled date of plant completion in order to permit our review to be completed in an orderly fashion. On the basis of past experience and currently projected staffing levels, I expect that a licensing decision at the operating licensing stage for an average uncontested case can be made about 18 months after acceptance of the application, and in about 21 months for an average contested case. Based on these considerations, we urge you to schedule preparation of the operating license application 24 months before the scheduled fuel loading date for the plant.

It is our understanding that your schedule for Three Mile Island 2 allows at least 24 months between submission of the application for an operating license and plant completion, and appears to be consistent with the guidelines outlined above. I urge that every effort be made to maintain these current schedules. If any change develops, you are requested to inform us promptly.

Sincerely,

(Signed) John F. O'Leary

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John F. O'Leary  
Director of Licensing

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