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Docket Nos. 50-289
and 50-320 ✓

Mr. Edward J. Bauser
Executive Director
Joint Committee on
Atomic Energy
Congress of the United States

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Dear Mr. Bauser:

Metropolitan Edison Company is the holder of Provisional Construction Permit No. CPFR-40 issued by the Atomic Energy Commission on May 18, 1968 for Unit No. 1, and Metropolitan Edison Company together with Jersey Central Power & Light Company are the holders of Provisional Construction Permit No. CPFR-66 issued on November 4, 1969. The construction permits authorize the licensees to construct two pressurized water nuclear reactors designated as the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station Units 1 and 2 on the licensees' site on Three Mile Island in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. Each reactor is designed to operate initially at 2452 megawatts (thermal).

In accordance with section E.3 of the Commission's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Appendix D of 10 CFR Part 50, the licensees have furnished to the Commission a written statement of reasons, with supporting factual submission, why the construction permits should not be suspended, in whole or in part, pending completion of the NEPA environmental review. This statement of reasons was furnished to the Commission on October 19, 1971, and supplemented with a supporting submittal furnished to the Commission on November 5, 1971.

The Director of Regulation has considered the licensees' submissions in light of the criteria set out in section E.2 of Appendix D, and has determined, after considering and balancing criteria in section E.1 of Appendix D, that construction activities involving the offsite portions of the transmission lines for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station Unit No. 2 should be suspended pending completion of those portions of the NEPA environmental review. With respect to the construction of the onsite portions of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station Units 1 and 2, we have balanced the environmental factors and concluded that these activities need not be suspended.

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The Director of Regulation has served the enclosed Order to Show Cause why the construction activities involving the offsite portion of the transmission lines for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station Unit No. 2 should not be suspended until the environmental review of these issues is completed.

Further details of this determination are set forth in a document entitled "Discussion and Findings by the Division of Reactor Licensing, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Relating to Consideration of Suspension Pending NEPA Environmental Review of the Construction Permits For The Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station Units 1 and 2, Metropolitan Edison Company, and Jersey Central Power & Light Company, AEC Docket Nos. 50-289 and 50-320, November 22, 1971," copy enclosed.

Sincerely,

(signed) L. Manning Muntzing

L. Manning Muntzing
Director of Regulation

Enclosures:

1. Order to Show Cause
2. Discussion and Findings
3. Federal Register Notice

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