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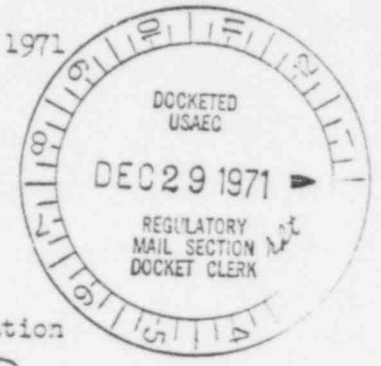
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December 26, 1971



Mr. L. Manning Muntzing
Director of Regulation
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Subject: Three Mile Island Nuclear Station
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-289 and 50-320

Dear Mr. Muntzing:

On November 29, 1971, you ordered that we show cause why construction work on the off-site portions of transmission lines associated with Unit 2 of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station should not be suspended pending completion of the full NEPA environmental review.

Enclosed with this letter is the answer of the Metropolitan Edison Company, the Jersey Central Power and Light Company, and the Pennsylvania Electric Company to the order to show cause and also a Supplementary Statement of Facts Relating to the Transmission Lines for Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2. Both the Answer and the Statement provide information which we had not previously brought to your attention and which corrects factual misunderstandings which we had allowed to occur.

The Companies sincerely believe that an evaluation of the information presented in these documents must lead to the conclusion that there will be no significant adverse environmental effects from continued construction; that, to the extent that there are adverse effects, these have already taken place; that no alternatives are likely to be found necessary by the full NEPA review; even if alternatives were to be required, they would not be foreclosed by continued construction; that there would be significant and unwarranted additional expenses should construction be suspended.

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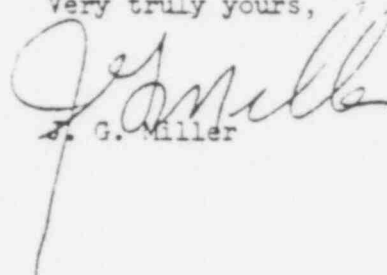
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We would also note that the transmission lines in question have a dual purpose. Suspension of their construction would therefore imperil functions unrelated to the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station. While we do not here argue the jurisdictional question, we do wish to call this matter to your attention, without waiving our right to raise this issue at a later time.

Very truly yours,



J. G. Miller

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