

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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In the Matter of
METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY
(Three Mile Island Nuclear
Station, Unit No. 1)

Docket No. 50-289
(Restart)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Under 10 CFR §2.714 a petition for leave to intervene need not initially set forth the contentions the petitioner seeks to have litigated. For this reason the time provided under §2.714(c) to answer petitions for leave to intervene may not be required in all instances in this proceeding.

Therefore, with the consent of the parties, the Board directs the Licensee and the NRC Staff to answer petitions for leave to intervene as soon as is reasonably possible. Answers to petitions received by the parties on or before September 7, 1979 shall be delivered to the Board at the board panel office on or before September 13. Answers to petitions received by the parties after September 7 shall be delivered to the Board at the board panel office within four (4) business days after receipt by the answering party. Even if a timely petition, as initially filed, contains the petitioner's contentions, the Staff and Licensee may defer

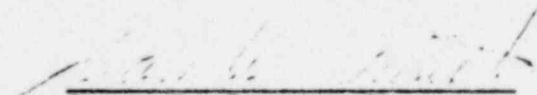
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answers to contentions and limit their respective answers to the considerations set forth in §2.714(a)(2). If a petition raises novel or difficult issues of standing or other problems requiring additional time to answer, the Board will entertain a request for an extension of time.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND
LICENSING BOARD


Ivan W. Smith, Chairman

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland
this 31st day of August, 1979.