August 17, 1977

Docket No.: 50-289

Metropolitan Edison Company
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Gentlemen:

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By letter dated March 16, 1977, we requested that you determine if the individual performing the function of Radiation Protection Manager (RPM) at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 1 (TMI-1) meets the minimum qualifications of Regulatory Guide 1.8, September 1975. We further stated that if the RPM is so qualified, you should propose a technical specification which states that "the RPM shall meet or exceed the qualifications of Regulatory Guide 1.8, September 1975." On the other hand, if the present incumbent does not meet the minimum requirements of the guide, we requested that you advise us of this fact and provide a written commitment that the successor to the incumbent will be so qualified and that you will propose a technical specification to that effect at the time a successor enters that position.

By letter dated May 23, 1977, you submitted a request for amendment of the TMI-1 Technical Specifications which would define the qualifications for the Supervisor-Radiation Protection and Chemistry and for the Radiation Protection Supervisor. Your submittal, however, did not state whether the incumbents of these positions meet the qualifications for the position of RPM as stated in Regulatory Guide 1.8, September 1975, nor did your submittal utilize the suggested wording for the technical specification, which references Regulatory Guide 1.8, September 1975. We do note, however, that if the qualifications given in the proposed technical specifications represent those of the present Supervisor-Radiation Protection and Chemistry and the Radiation Protection Supervisor,

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neither incumbent meets the qualifications for a RPM as stated in Regulatory Guide 1.8, September 1975.

Accordingly, you are requested to:

- Indicate whether the incumbent Supervisor-Radiation Prote on and Chemistry is qualified in accordance with the requirements of Regulatory Guide 1.8, September 1975, and
- 2. If the incumbent is so qualified, amend your request of May 23, 1977, to delete reference to the Radiation Protection Supervisor and state in Section 6.3 of the TMI-1 Technical Specifications that the Supervisor-Radiation Protection and Chemistry shall meet or exceed the qualifications for a Radiation Protection Manager as stated in Regulatory Guide 1.8, September 1975, or
- 3. If the incumbent is not so qualified, withdraw your request of May 23, 1977, and provide a commitment that the eventual successor to the incumbent Supervisor-Radiation Protection and Chemistry will be so qualified and that a technical specification to that effect will be submitted when the successor enters that position.

It is requested that the above information be submitted within 45 days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

Called to be by

Robert W. Reid, Chief Operating Reactors Branch #4 Division of Operating Reactors

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