

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-289 and 50-320]

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY and
JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Amended Determination to Suspend Certain Construction Activities Pending Completion of NEPA Environmental Review

On December 7, 1971, the Director of Regulation of the Atomic Energy Commission published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, 36 F.R. 23264, a determination to suspend construction activities involving the off-site portion of the transmission lines for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2, pending completion of such portions of an environmental review under the Commission's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix D, as relate to these matters. As noted in the determination, the Director of Regulation had served upon Metropolitan Edison Company and Jersey Central Power & Light Company (licensees) an order to show cause why the above-mentioned construction activities involving the off-site portion of the transmission lines for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2, should not be suspended pending completion of the NEPA environmental review relating to these matters. Among other things, the order to show cause provided that the licensees might, within thirty (30) days of the date of the order, file a written answer to the order under oath or affirmation.

On December 28, 1971, the licensees filed a timely answer requesting that the order to show cause be reconsidered.

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Upon consideration of the licensees' answer to the order to show cause, it has been determined that the Director of Regulation's determination should be modified so as to provide for the suspension of construction activities involving the off-site portion of only the Juniata transmission line for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2, pending completion of the NEPA environmental review relating to these matters. The Director of Regulation has served on the licensees an order suspending such construction activities.

Further details of this amended determination are set forth in a document entitled "Supplement to 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 Provisional Construction Permits for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, Metropolitan Edison Company and Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Docket Nos. 50-289 and 50-320," dated February 4, 1972.

Any person whose interest may be affected by this amended determination other than the licensees may file a request for hearing within thirty (30) days after publication of this amended determination in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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Such request shall set forth the matters with reference to the factors set out in Section E.2 of Appendix D alleged to warrant a suspension determination other than the amended determination made by the Director of Regulation and set forth the factual basis for the request. If the Commission determines that the matters stated in such a request warrant a hearing, a notice of hearing will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Copies of (1) the licensees' answer to the order to show cause, (2) 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 Provisional Construction Permits for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, Metropolitan Edison Company and Jersey Central Power and Light Company, Docket Nos. 50-289 and 50-320," (3) the supplement thereto referred to above, and (4) the order suspending construction activities involving the off-site portion of the Juniata transmission line are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and at the General Public Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Copies of Items 2, 3, and 4 may be obtained upon request, addressed to the United States Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Licensing.

FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Director of Regulation

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland,
this 7th day of February, 1972.

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