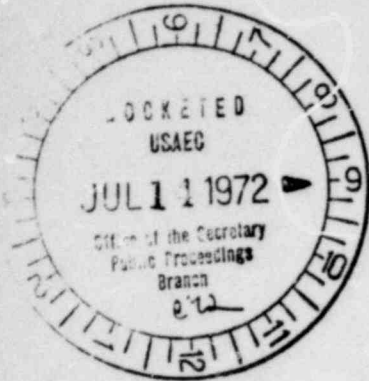


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July 7, 1972

Secretary
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D.C. 20545Re: Docket No. 50-289
Three Mile Island Operating License

Dear Sir:

This refers to the June 29, 1972 advice of submission to the Office of the Federal Register a notice for hearing in the matter of the issuance of a facility operating license which would authorize Metropolitan Edison Company and Jersey-Central Power & Light Company, and Pennsylvania Electric Company, as co-licensees, to possess, use, and operate the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit I in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania (Docket No. 50-289).

As you may know, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has recently experienced a disastrous flood in the wake of hurricane Agnes, which has caused a substantial fraction of the technical staff of the Department of Environmental Resources to be rightfully engaged in activities which mitigate the effects of the disaster. The consequence of this activity makes us, temporarily, unable to examine, review, generate comments, and formulate a position on the applicants' Environmental Report, as amended, and the Commission's Draft Detailed Statement, within the 30 day time frame allowed to file a request for hearing and petition to intervene in the proceedings, should this action become necessary as a result of the review. In any event, we are desirous of protecting our right to participate in any and all proceedings on this docket and we, therefore, respectfully request that the deadline for filing a request for hearing and petition to intervene be extended for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania so as to coincide with the deadline for submission of comments on the Environmental Report and Draft

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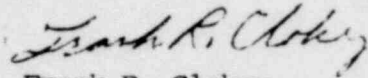
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Detail Statement, specifically to September 7, 1972.

Thank you for your consideration. Please advise at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



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