

July 20, 1979

Mr. Jerome Saltzman, Deputy Chief Office of Antitrust & Indemnity Directorate of Licensing U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington D.C. 20555

Re: Three Mile Island

Dear Jerry:

Three new suits have been filed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Copies of complaints filed in each are enclosed for your file as follows:

- 1. Ronald E. Buchart versus Metropolitan Edison, et al -- Civil Action #79-832
- 2. Pancake House Realty Company, Inc. versus Metropolitan Edison, et al -- Civil Action #79-850
- 3. Cuts N' Stuf versus Metropolital Edison, et al -- Civil Action #79-796

Yours very truly,

Claims Counsel

WCC/pbs Enclosures

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RONALD E. BUCHART, trading as NEWBERRY FARMS R.D. #1 Box 509 York Haven, Pennsylvania 17370

: CIVIL ACTION

79-832

V.

METROPOLITAN EDISON CO. 2800 Pottsville Pike Muhlenberg, Pa. 19605 and BABCOCK & WILCOX COMPANY 161 E. 42nd St. NewYork, New York 10017 and J. RAY MCLERMOTT & COMPANY, INC. 1010 Common Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70112 and GENERAL PUBLIC UTILITIES 260 Cherry Hill Road Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 and JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT CO.

Madison and Punchbowl
Morriston, New Jersey
and
CATALYTIC, INC.
1500 Market St.
Centre Square West

Philadelphia, Pa. 19102

: JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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: NO.

### COMPLAINT

 The plaintiff, Ronald E. Buchart, trading as Newberry Farms, operates a business establishment located on R.D.#1, York Haven, Pennsylvania 17370.

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- 2. ( T defendant, Metropo: an Hison Co., is a Pennsylvania corporation doing business within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with offices located at 2800 Pottsville Pike. Muhlenberg, Pa. 19605.
- (b) The defendant, Babcock and Wilcox Co. is a New Jersey corporation with offices located at 161 E. 42nd Street, New York, New York, 10017.
- (c) The defendant, J. Ray McDermott & Company, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with offices located at 1010 Common Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112.
- (d) The defendant, General Public Utilities, is a Pennsylvania corporation with offices located at 260 Cherry Hill Road, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054.
- (e) The defendant, Jersey Central Power and Light Co., has offices located at Madison and Punchbowl, Morristown, New Jersey.
- (f) The defendant, Catalytic, Inc. is a Pennsylvania corporation with offices located at 1500 Market Street, Centre Square West, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.
- 3. Jurisdiction is based upon 42 U.S.C.A. 2210 et seq. and the amount in controversy exceeds Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars.
- 4. Service of process upon the defendants herein has been made pursuant to F.R.C.P. 4(e) and Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Annotated, Sections 5322 and 5323.

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- 5. On or about March 23, 1979 the defendants through their agents, servants and employees at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant caused or allowed radioactive substances to be emitted into the environment, a fact which spokepersons for the defendants acknowledged had occurred.
- 6. The emissions of radiation into the environment neared such dangerous levels that Governor Thornburgh for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ordered on March 30, 1979 that all pre-school children and pregnant women evacuate from within five (5) miles of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant.
- 7. However, due to the uncertainty created by the conflicting statements of the defendants' spokepersons and state and local and national government spokepersons regarding the dangers of radiation exposure and the potential for a catastrophic radiation exposure, large numbers of individuals evacuated the area surrounding Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant.
- 8. The defendants all contributed to the construction, maintenance and operation of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant and its component parts.
- 9. The damages sustained by the plaintiff were caused by the negligence, carelessness, recklessness, willfulness and wantonness of the defendants:
- (a) in failing to properly design the said nuclear power plant (Three Mile Island) and its component parts;
- (b) in failing to properly construct the said nuclear power plant and its component parts;

- (c) in failing to properly inspect and test the said nuclear power plant and its component parts;
- (d) in using faulty and detective component materials in the construction of the said nuclear power plant;
- (e) in exposing the public to such a defective power plant;
- (f) in failing to warn the plaintiff of the defects in said nuclear power plant;
- (g) in failing to exercise due care in the engineering, composition, design, construction and operation of said nuclear power plant;
- (h) in failing to exercise the high standard of care required in the operation of an ultrahazardous activity (i.e. a nuclear power plant).
- 10. Defendants knew or in the exercise of ordinary care had reason to know of the dangerous effects of its nuclear power plant.
- 11. The said nuclear power plant and its component compositional parts were under the sole and exclusive possession and control of the defendants, while it was being engineered, composed, designed, constructed and operated.
- 12. Defendants operated said nuclear power plant and its component parts in a defective condition unreasonably dangerous to the plaintiff's property and harm was thereby caused to the plaintiff.

- 13. he fendants are engaged in ( business of designing, manufacturing, constructing and selling of the component parts of the said Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant and those component parts were expected to and did reach the nuclear power plant without substantial change in the condition in which they were designed, manufactured, constructed and sold.
- 14. The defendants in constructing and operating a nuclear power plant and its component parts in such a defective condition as to be unreasonably dangerous to consumers, violated the standards of Section 402A of the Restatement of Torts (II).
- 15. As a result of the foreoing the plaintiff's business has suffered irreparable economic losses which include but are no. limited to lost operating time, loss of sales and property devaluation.
- 16. Further, as a direct result of the defendants' conduct the public interest in shopping in the area surrounding the Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant area has been so reduced that the plaintiff will never recover from the economic loss.
- 17. Further, the public's fear of contaminate archandise has nearly rendered the plaintiff's products and seworthless.
- 18. Furthe. on plaintiff can show with reads the marked decline in business immediately following arch 28, 1979.
- 19. Further, due to the extraordinary negligence on the part of the defendants and in view of the irreparable economic loss suffered by the plaintiff, the plaintiff demands that punitive damages be awarded in its favor.

20. Further, the plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues of this action.

WHEREFORE, judgment is demanded jointly and severally against the defendants by the plaintiff for economic losses in an amount in excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dol'ars as well as punitive damages in an amountin excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

John J. O'Brien, Jr. Richard F. Rosen John J. O'Brien, III

# United States District Court

FOR THE

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL ACTION FILE No. 79-850

SUMMONS

PANCAKE HOUSE REALTY COMPANY, INC.

Plaintiff

V.

METROF LITAN EDISON CO.; BABCO. & WILCOX COMPANY; J. R. C. DERMOTT & COMPANY, INC.; GENERAL PUBLIC UTILITIES; JERS.Y CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT CO. CATALYTIC, INC.

Defendants

To the above named Defendant :

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon

John J. O'Brien, Jr., Esquire Richard F. Rosen, Esquire John J. O'Brien, III, Esquire

plaintiff's attorney , whose address

1260 Suburban Station Bldg. Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served apon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Donald R. Berry

Clerk of Caurt.

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[Seal of Court]

Date: July 5, 1979

NOTE:-This sammons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Pederal Reas of Civil Procedure



#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

PANCAKE HOUSE REALTY COMPANY, INC. : CIVIL ACTION 41 South Third Street Lewisburg, Pennsylvania 17837

V.

METROPOLITAN EDISON CO. 2800 Pottsville Pike Muhlenberg, Pa. 19605 and BABCOCK & WILCOX COMPANY 161 E. 42nd Street New York, New York, 10017 and J. RAY MCDERMOTT & COMPANY, INC. 1013 Common Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70112 and GENERAL PUBLIC UTILITIES 260 Cherry Hill Road Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 and JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT CO. Madison and Punchbowl Morristown, New Jersey and CATALYTIC, INC. 1500 Market St. Centre Square West Philadelphia, Pa. 19102



: JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

: NO.

## COMPLAINT

1. The plaintiff, Pancake House Realty Company, Inc. operates various business establishments:
Riverview Motel, 840 N. Front Street, Wormleysburg, Pa.
Travelers Lounge, 860 N. Front Street, Wormleysburg, Pa.
Perkins Pancake House, 880 N. Front St., Wormleysburg, Pa.

- 2. (a) the deficiency, "are rollean Ellison Go., is a Pennsylvania corporation doing business within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with offices located at 2800 Pottsville Pike, Muhlenberg, Pa. 19605.
- (b) The defendant, Babcock and Wilcox Co. is a New Jersey corporation with offices located at 161 E. 42nd Street, New York, New York, 10017.
- (c) The defendant, J. Ray McDermott & Company, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with offices located at 1010 Common Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112.
- (d) The defendant, General Public Utilities, is a Pennsylvania corporation with offices located at 260 Cherry Road, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054.
- (e) The defendant, Jersey Central Power and Light Co., has offices located at Madison and Punchbowl, Morristown,
  New Jersey.
- (f) The defendant, Catalytic, Inc. is a Pennsylvania corporation with offices located at 1500 Market Street, Centre Square West, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.
- Jurisdiction is based upon 42 U.S.C.A. 2210 et seq. and the amount in controversy exceeds Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00)
   Dollars.
- 4. Service of process upon the defendants herein has been rade pursuant to F.R.C.P. 4(e) and Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Annotated, Sections 5322 and 5323.

- 5. On or about March 23, 1979 the defendants through their agents, servants and employees at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant caused or allowed radioactive substances to be emitted into the environment, a fact which spokepersons for the defendants acknowledged had occurred.
- 6. The emissions of radiation into the environment neared such dangerous levels that Governor Thornburgh for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ordered on March 30, 1979 that all pre-school children and pregnant women evacuate from within five (5) miles of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant.
- 7. However, due to the uncertainty created by the conflicting statements of the defendants' spokepersons and state and local and national government spokespersons regarding the dangers of radiation exposure and the potential for a catastrophic radiation exposure, large numbers of individuals evacuated the area surrounding Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant.
- 8. The defendants all contributed to the construction, maintenance and operation of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant and its component parts.
- 9. The damages sustained by the plaintiff were caused by the negligence, carelessness, recklessness, willfulness and wantonness of the defendants:
- (a) in failing to properly design the said nuclear power plant (Three Mile Island) and its component parts;
- (b) in failing to properly construct the said nuclear power plant and its component parts;

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- 10. Defendants knew or in the exercise of ordinary care had reason to know of the dangerous effects of its nuclear power plant.
- 11. The said nuclear power plant and its component compositional parts were under the sole and exclusive possession and control of the defendants, while it was being engineered, composed, designed, constructed and operated.
- 12. Defendants operated said nuclear power plant and its component parts in a defective condition unreasonably dangerous to the plaintiff's property and harm was thereby caused to the plaintiff.

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- 14. The defendants in constructing and operating a nuclear power plant and its component parts in such a defective condition as to be unreasonably dangerous to consumers, violated the standards of Section 402A of the Restatement of Torts (II)
- 15. As a result of the foregoing the plaintiff's business has suffered irreparable economic losses which include but are not limited to lost operating time and loss of sales and property devaluation.
- 16. Further, as a direct result of the defendants' conduct the public interest in shopping in the area surrounding the Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant area has been so reduced that the plaintiff will never recover from the economic loss.
- 17. Further, the public's fear of contaminated merchandis has nearly rendered the plaintiff's products and services worthless.
- 13. Further the plaintiff can show with its receipts the marked decline in business immediately following March 28, 1979.
- 19. Further, due to the extraordinary negligence on the part of the defendants and in view of the irreparable economic loss suffered by the plaintiff, the plaintiff demands that punitive damages be awarded in its favor.

20. Further, the plaintiff demands a trial to jury on all issues of this action.

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# United States District Court

FOR THE

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

W. C. CARTUER

CIVIL ACTION FILE No. 79-796

CUTS N'STUF

Plaintiff

SUMMONS

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY, BABCOCK & WILCOX COMPANY, J. RAY McDERMOTT & COMPANY, INC., GENERAL PUBLIC UTILITIES, JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY and CATALYTIC, INC.

Defendant

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plaintiff's attorney , whose address

1260 Suburban Station Bldg. Philadelphia, Penna. 19103

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summens upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DONALD R. BERRY

Date: June 25, 1979

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NOTE:-This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CUTS N' STUF 209 S. Market St. Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055 . C.VIL ACTION

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: NO.

1. The plaintiff, Cuts N' Stuf, is a beauty salon with its place of business located at 209 S. Market Street Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania 17055.

COMPLAINT

- 2. (a) The defendant, Metropolitan Edison Co., is a Pennsylvania corporation doing business within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with offices located at 2300 Pottsville Pike, Muhlenberg, Pa. 19605.
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