July 5, 1979

The Honorable Mark Cohen 512 E-3 Main Capital Building Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I have been informed of your desire to be apprised of hearings and legal actions in connection with any possible restart of the Three Mile Island, Unit 1 reactor. Accordingly, I enclose for your information a copy of an order issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on July 2, 1979 requiring that the facility remain shut down until further order of the Commission itself and directing that a public hearing be held before restart of the facility.

In order to make sure that you continue to receive timely notices of such actions, I have asked the Docketing and Service branch of the Office of the Secretary of the Commission to place your name on the appropriate service list.

Sincerely,

Guy H. Cunningham Assistant Chief Hearing Counsel

Enclosure as stated

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In the Matter of

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY

Three Mile Island Muclear Station, Unit No. 1

... Pocket No.

## ORDER

In view of the variety of issues raised by the accident at the Three Mile Island Unit No. 2 facility, the Commission presently lacks the requisite reasonable assurance that the same licensee's Three Mile Island Unit No. 1 facility, a nuclear power reactor of similar design, can be operated without endangering the health and safety of the public. Accordingly, we direct that the Unit No. 1 facility, presently in a shutdown condition, shall remain shut down until further order of the Commission itself. The Commission has further determined that it is in the public interest that a hearing precede restart of the facility. The Commission will also issue an order within thirty (30) days specifying in detail the basis for its concerns, and the procedures to govern further proceedings in this matter. The licensee may file a written answer to this Order no later than twenty (20) days after the issuance of the detailed Order.

The Commission has found that the public health, safety and interest require that this order be effective immediately.

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It is so ORDERED.

For the Commission

John C. Mayle / Adding Secretary of the Commission

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 2nd day of July, 1979

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