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The Honorable Joseph M. Hendrie
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Since the Commission's Order of July 2, 1979, ordering the suspension of operation of TMI-1 and a public hearing prior to a Commission decision on restart of the facility, the Commission has met on July 12, July 24 (morning and afternoon), July 25 and July 27 to discuss procedures for the restart hearing. At none of these meetings has there been any discussion by the Commission or its Staff of the National and public interest in fashioning procedures which would allow the earliest possible decision on the restart of TMI-1 consistent with public participation in the making of that decision. There has been no discussion of the cost to the Nation in imports resulting from a prolonged shutdown of TMI-1 and virtual dis-cussion of the cost to consumers in Pennsylvania and New Jersey in charges for replacement power. In these circumstances we urge on behalf of the TMI-1 Licensees that the Commission schedule a special meeting at which representatives of the Department of Energy, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities would be invited to address these considerations of National and public interest.

Respectfully,

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