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Metropolitan Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Walter M. Creitz/
President
P. O. Box 542
Reading, Pennsylvania 19603

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 16, 1974, that provided your response to our letter of September 23, 1974 and the enclosed Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty. The September 23, 1974, Notice of Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty established the amount of penalty at Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000), as a result of our recent inspection findings relating to a security violation at Three Mile Island Unit 1.

The response of October 16, 1974, outlined your position with respect to the proposed imposition of civil penalty and provided information concerning the violation found during our recent inspection. With regard to your questions concerning whether the violation warranted a civil penalty, it is the Commission's position that a licensee's failure to meet critical security requirements of 10 CFR Part 73 and its implementing security plan in the respect as set forth in the Notice of Violation substantially increases the risk of industrial sabotage, and may adversely affect the public health, safety, or interest. Failure to control access to the plant facility is a serious violation and is commensurate with the sanction. However, due to the unusual circumstances of (1) a delivery truck protruding through a security gate while being unloaded and which prevented closing the gate for a short period, and (2) the very limited access through the gate while the truck was there, the civil penalty is mitigated from Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500).

Generally, the corrective action which you propose appears to be appropriate, and we have no further questions concerning this matter at this time.

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After careful consideration of your response and in consideration of the matters discussed above, we have concluded that the violation did occur. In view of the reasons and explanations set forth in your response as discussed in this letter, the proposed penalty is mitigated as indicated above. Accordingly, we hereby serve the enclosed Order on Metropolitan Edison Company imposing a civil penalty in the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500).

Sincerely,

Original signed by
I. C. Davis *for*

Donald F. Knuth, Director
of Regulatory Operations

Enclosure:
Order Imposing Civil Penalty

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