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Docket No. 50-289

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Mr. Edward J. Bauser
 Executive Director
 Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
 Congress of the United States

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Dear Mr. Bauser:

The Atomic Energy Commission has issued an Order extending the construction completion date for Metropolitan Edison Company's Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1. In lieu of the completion date of September 30, 1973, as specified previously in Provisional Construction Permit No. CPPR-40, the latest completion date has been extended to July 1, 1974.

The staff finds that the applicant's explanation in its letter of August 30, 1973, that the delays in the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station include: (i) the excavation and repair of the containment vessel ring girder, (ii) major reduction of the construction force to assure more effective management control, (iii) modification of the reactor vessel internals as a result of Oconee 1 experience, and (iv) time loss and cleanup effort following a tropical storm in June 1972, is reasonable and shows good cause for the delay. Since the action does not involve significant hazards consideration, the staff has concluded that prior public notice is not required.

A copy of a request for extension of the completion date from the Metropolitan Edison Company, together with a copy of the Order, are enclosed for the information of the Committee. The order has been transmitted to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

A. Giambusso

A. Giambusso, Deputy Director
 for Reactor Projects
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