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Secretary of the Commission
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attn: Docketing and Service Section

Re: Docket No. 50-289 - Metropolitan Edison Company
(Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1)

Dear Sir:

The P. H. Glatfelter Company wants to be on record as a strong supporter for nuclear energy.

Nuclear fission is an indispensable source of energy in our country. The cost of imported oil, balance of payments and inflation problems facing our nation will not be helped by banning or decreasing the use of nuclear fission to produce electrical energy.

The single, largest technology which can reduce our dependence on foreign oil is nuclear power generation. It offers the United States a clear, relatively inexpensive and safe source of power whose technology for production we now possess.

The P. H. Glatfelter Company is a Pulp and Paper Manufacturer located just 20 miles from Three Mile Island. Needless to say, we were concerned and remain concerned about nuclear safety. We believe the Nuclear Industry's track record is a good one. However, the NRC cannot relax its safety standards, nor can the Commission or the American public give up and ban nuclear energy. What is needed is a strong effort by the Nuclear Industry and the NRC to re-establish confidence in the operation of nuclear units.

Improved training of operators and improved preventative maintenance measures are necessary. The training systems and procedures worked out by NASA for our successful moon flights might find application in the Nuclear Industry.

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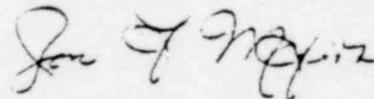
The Glatfelter Company also is concerned about the inflated electrical costs that are being experienced due to the shutdown of TMI Unit 1 and the accident of Unit 2. The fuel adjustment charge will be 2.8 times higher with both units down. This is due to the high cost of oil and coal-fired replacement power for the low-cost nuclear generation.

At Glatfelter Company, Safety is a major ingredient in our manufacturing process. Because of hard work, constant day-to-day training and correction of unsafe conditions, our mill is a safety leader in the pulp and paper industry. We hold the World's Record for the most consecutive days of operating without a lost time accident. Our experience has shown that safe equipment and operating procedures can be established, enforced and accepted.

We urge you to expedite the return of TMI Unit 1 to production and to work with the General Public Utilities Corporation to rehabilitate TMI Unit 2.

Sincerely,

P. H. GLATFELTER COMPANY



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Chief Engineer

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