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Mr. Edson G. Case, Acting Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

RE: David L. Bowers

Mr. Case:

I have learned that the Three Mile Island nuclear power facility, owned by the Metropolitan Edison Company, has received the Commission's approval of certain security regulations that govern the access of employees and nonemployees to protected and vital areas within the facility. These security regulations are part of the Three Mile Island technical specifications submitted to the Commission as part of the licensing application. They are governed generally by the Commission's regulations published at 42 Federal Register 10836-10840, specifically sections 73.55(d)(5) and (6).

While I have not seen the Three Mile Island security requlations, I understand that they prohibit access to protected and vital areas by any person who has been convicted of a crime, unless that person is escorted by someone qualified as an escort under the regulations. Mr. Bowers has been convicted of a crime and accordingly can only work within the restrictions imposed by the Three Mile Island security regulations.

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I have advised Mr. Bowers that he should apply for a pardon from the Governor, in the hope that if he is pardoned he may be able to change his status under the security regulations. His concern is not that the need to work with an escort is exercised by burdensome but that he is effectively prohibited from overly burdensome but that he is effectively prohibited from advancing within his trade as long as he must work in the

company of an escort, and can never qualify as an escort himself whenever he works.

I am writing to obtain a ruling from your office on the effect of a pardon on the classification of employees by the Three Mile Island security regulations you have approved. I am sending a copy of this letter to John Wilson, Esquire, counsel for the Metropolitan Edison Company.

Thomas B. Schmidt, III

copy: Mr. David L. Bowers John Wilson, Esquire