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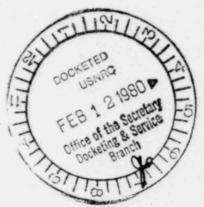
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Re: Metropolitan Edison Company, et al., (Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1) Docket No. 50-289 (Restart).

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:

This is to inform you that barring unexpected developments, we will not be present at the February 13 prehearing conference on behalf of People Against Nuclear Energy (PANE). Instead, PANE will be represented by its President, James Hurst, or one of its members.

We have decided not to appear ourselves because the prehearing conference will apparently deal primarily with discovery and scheduling matters, all of which remain in limbo for our client until a decision is reached on the psychological distress contentions. Since, as we recently informed the Board, PANE is unable to afford further representation until the NRC provides funding, we cannot justify the expense to PANE of our appearance on their behalf unless absolutely necessary.

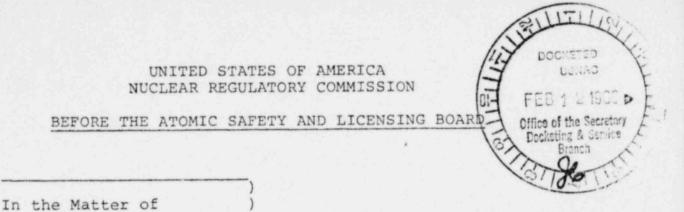
Thank you for your consideration. We regret that we will be unable to be present, but we expect that PANE's representatives will be able to provide the Board with any information or assistance that it may need.

Sincerely,

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William S. Jordan, III Counsel for PANE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing letter postage prepaid this 6th day of February, 1980, to the following:

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