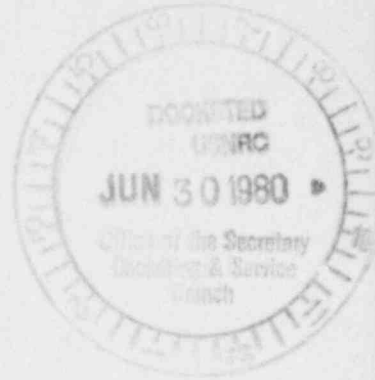


June 26, 1980



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY) Docket No. 50-320
(Three Mile Island Nuclear)
Station, Unit No. 2))

LICENSEE'S RESPONSE TO
LETTER OF MARY H. DOUGLAS

Licensee's counsel has today received a letter dated June 24, 1980, from Mary H. Douglas. A copy of that letter is attached. The letter does not itself indicate who (besides Licensee) may have received copies of the letter. Counsel for Licensee therefore had a copy of the letter hand-delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Docketing and Service Branch.

Ms. Douglas letter is, on its face, a request "for a public hearing on the Commissioners' order for a temporary modification of license dated June 12." Licensee does not believe, however, that Ms. Douglas intends to avail herself of the opportunity for hearing afforded by the Commission's June 12 Order. The specific relief which she apparently seeks - a delay in the commencement of venting to permit a reconsideration

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of the use of alternative methods of decontamination^{*/} - is inconsistent with the express provision in that Order that a request for a hearing pursuant to that Order will not stay the effectiveness of the Order. "Order For Temporary Modification of License," at p.5. Therefore, Licensee treats Ms. Douglas' letter as a request to the Commission for reconsideration of its "Order For Temporary Modification of License" and for a hearing on the matter.

Licensee opposes both the proposed reconsideration and the requested hearing. The Commission's "Order For Temporary Modification of License" and companion "Memorandum and Order" (also dated June 12, 1980) reflect the Commission's careful consideration of a full record which included ample opportunity for public comment and participation in the decision-making process. Moreover, the Commission has already once ruled that the Franke/Teufel study, on which Ms. Douglas relies, "provides no reason to modify the conclusion that the proposed venting of the TMI-2 reactor building involves negligible impacts on physical health." Metropolitan Edison Company (Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2), CLI-80-26, 11 NRC _____ (June 26, 1980) (slip op. at 3).

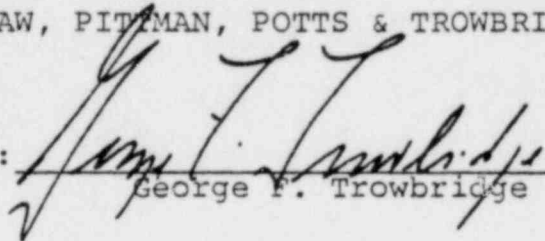
^{*/} In support of her petition, Ms. Douglas quotes Dr. Franke, one author of the study entitled "Radiation Exposure Due To Venting TMI-2 Reactor Building Atmosphere" ("the Franke/Teufel study"): "The report of the Union of Concerned Scientists concludes that decontamination is not as urgent as stated by Met. Ed. and NRC. Therefore, we strongly recommend that the alternative methods for decontamination proposed by UCS and Prof. Morgan be used."

Accordingly, Licensee urges the Commission to decline to reconsider its June 12 decision and to deny the requested hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

SHAW, PITTMAN, POTTS & TROWBRIDGE

By:



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Dated: June 26, 1980

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Re: 10C FR 2.714

Dear Mr. Ironbridge:

I should like to ask for a public hearing on the Commissioner's Order for a temporary modification of license dated June 12.

Dr. Franke has told us that Met Ed and NRC have neglected ^{consideration of} the 71 nuclides. "There is a risk that during the venting particulates from the walls & floors could volatilize and thus lead to a rise in reactor air concentrations."

He made us aware of the global effects of venting - of the next 70 years. "The report of the Union of Concerned Scientists concludes that decontamination is not as urgent as stated by Met Ed and NRC. Therefore we strongly recommend that the alternative methods for decontamination proposed by UCS and Prof. Morgan be used."

For a better life for everyone in the world,
Mary H. Douglas

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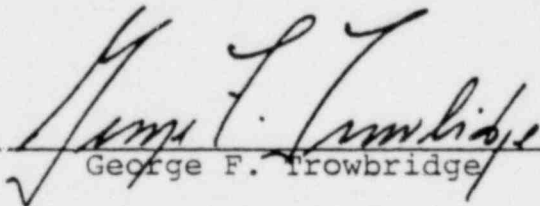
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "Licensee's Response To Letter of Mary H. Douglas" were served upon those persons on the attached Service List by deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, this 26th day of June, 1980.



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