UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION DOCKETED BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD USNAC JUN 3 0 1980 John F. Wolf Esq., Chairman Dr. Oscar H. Paris, Member Office of the Secretary Mr. Frederick J. Shon, Member Docketing & Service In the Matter of METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY, et al. Docket No. 50-320-0LA

(Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit 2)

ORDER

Licensee has filed a Motion to reschedule the Prehearing Conference which all parties had previously agreed would be held on July 7, 1980.

Licensee's counsel states that he cannot be prepared to discuss contentions at the meeting on July 7 and that he "is convinced that negotiations among the parties is likely to lead to simplification and/ or elimination of issues raised by the contentions.

Since there are matters other than the proposed contentions to be brought up at the July 7 meeting and since this licensing board must determine in the first instance whether to grant the relief sought, the Licensee's Motion to reschedule the prehearing conference is denied.

The parties, ofcourse, are free to confer, either before or after the July 7 meeting, regarding any proposed simplification and/or elimination of issues raised by the contentions and to submit their proposals to the Board.

In the Board's Memorandum and Order, following the prehearing conference, it will list the contentions, not unanimously agreed upon at the hearing, as tentative and all parties will be given a least

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thirty days in which to file briefs in support of, or in opposition to, the tentative contentions. Only after consideration of all of the briefs will the acceptability of said contentions be passed upon.

IT IS SO ORDERED

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

John F. Wolf, Chairman

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 30th day of June 1980.