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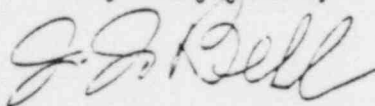
Mr. John Ahearn, Chairman
U.S.N.R.C.
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

The attached Resolution was adopted unanimously by the York County Industrial Development Corporation Board of Directors on June 10, 1980.

We urge you to do whatever you can to expedite the return to productive use of Unit I of the Three Mile Island generating station.

Very truly yours,



John J. Bell
Executive Director

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WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has completed its investigations and hearings which began shortly after the accident at Three Mile Island on March 28, 1979, and the basic conclusion was reached that Met-Ed should continue to operate as a public utility with the means of financial rehabilitation and

WHEREAS, extraordinary cost increases have resulted from the delayed return to service of TMI Unit #1 and associated energy replacement costs, causing great concern about the availability and higher costs of electrical energy in the Met-Ed service area and

WHEREAS, the United States has not yet developed a clear-cut national policy on the use of nuclear power to meet this country's energy needs, creating severe economic problems to the nation and particularly to residents and businesses of the Met-Ed area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the York County Industrial Development Corporation hereby asserts its positive support for the earliest possible return to service of TMI Unit #1 as the most feasible and forthright means of alleviating an expensive and difficult situation and provide assurance that competitively priced energy in adequate quantities is available for the area's long-range future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor of Pennsylvania, members of the General Assembly, Federal legislators and appropriate regulatory bodies be requested to lend their support to give assurances of a continued supply of nuclear energy from Three Mile Island and other sources available to the Metropolitan Edison Company.

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Docket No. 50-289

Mr. John J. Bell
Executive Director
York County Industrial
Development Corporation
13 East Market Street
York, Pennsylvania 17401

Dear Mr. Bell:

I am writing in response to your letter to Chairman John Ahearne dated June 12, 1980, in which you enclosed a copy of the recent resolution adopted by the York County Industrial Development Corporation Board of Directors. The resolution and your comments advocate the return of Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1, into service and urge prompt action be taken by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) toward this goal.

The NRC has ordered that a public hearing be conducted to determine whether the facility should be operated and, if so, under what conditions. The public hearing is scheduled to begin this fall. During the hearing, the technical issues appropriate to assure public health and safety will be addressed. The NRC staff is currently involved in the on-going review of technical information concerning the restart of Unit 1 and has recently issued NUREG-0680, "TMI-1 Restart - Evaluation of Licensee's Compliance with the Short and Long Term Items of Section II of NRC Order dated August 9, 1979". Based upon the current status of the proceedings, the development of a record on which the Commission can make a decision regarding restart is not expected before the early part of 1981.

While the NRC is, of course, concerned about financial impacts on consumers and licensees, the NRC's primary responsibility is the assurance of public health and safety.

Your comments and interest in this matter are appreciated. Copies of your correspondence have been routed to various staff members.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Harold R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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