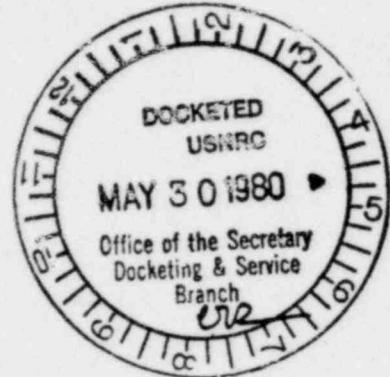




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The Honorable Joseph Ahearne
Acting Chairman
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
1717 H. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Mr. Ahearne:

We are writing to you with respect to the impact of the Three Mile Island incident on Follett Corporation.

We are a manufacturing company serving the commercial food service industry with 85 employees and an annual sales volume of about \$6 million. Located in Easton, Pennsylvania, we are a customer of Metropolitan Edison.

In the past year our cost per kilowatt hour has increased by 34%. These costs are related almost entirely to increased expenses of Met Ed related to Three Mile Island. Met Ed is currently requesting permission from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to collect 90% of its energy costs from its customers instead of the 70% it currently collects. If this is approved, our cost per KWH will have increased 50%! This would amount to an additional electricity cost of \$16,000 per year. In a small company such as ours, this is a sizable sum. Just think of the impact this has on all of Met Ed's customers in a state (Pennsylvania) and an economy (the current one) that are already difficult to do business in.

Accordingly, Mr. Ahearne, we encourage that the restart of the damaged unit, TMI-1, be started as soon as practical. It is our understanding that the return of TMI-1 to service will reduce the cost of replacement power by over \$160 million per year. With the economy the way it is, that relief from charges will be very welcome to Met Ed customers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

FOLLETT CORPORATION

James Folk
Manager of Manufacturing

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