

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555 JULY 1 5 1980

Docket No. 50-289

Mr. Raymond N. Herb, President Mutual Wholesale Corporation 1124 Cumberland Street Lebanon, PA 17042

Dear Mr. Herb:

I am writing in response to your letter to President Carter concerning the delay in placing Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1, back into service.

As you may be aware, 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 ongoing review of technical information concerning the restart of Unit 1. 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.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Reid, Chief

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February 25, 1930

The President of the United States Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing this letter on behalf of G.P.U. because I believe the press coverage of the Three-Mile Island accident has been so unfair that they are on the verge of bank-ruptcy.

To be more enlightened, I toured the plant some weeks ago and was surprised to learn that it is a very efficient operation. I also learned that unit #1 is closed down now awaiting a decision by the N.R.C. and P.U.C. to determine if G.P.U. should continue to operate it.

Unit #1 has the best efficiency rating in the world and there is no reason it is not in operation at this time because there never has been a problem with it.

I believe that government supervision is important, however, to ruin a company so vitally needed to this area is ridiculous. The other thing that I am concerned about is that those who are making the decisions, at least the members of the Pa. P.U.C. are not experts and any decisions that they make may not be in the best interests of the company or the local inhabitants.

I will appreciate your efforts in getting the decisionmaking machinery moving so that something can be salvaged from this expensive investment most of which has been paid by private investors.

Thanking you in advance for your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

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