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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Ivan W. Smith, Chairman Dr. Walter H. Jordan Dr. Linda W. Little

In the Matter of

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY

(Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1) Docket No. 50-289 (Restart)

## MEMORANDUM

Attached for service is a retyped copy of my notes to the file that I made of my telephone conversation with Demetrios Basdekas on September 12, 1980.

> THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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Ivan W. Smith, Chairman

Bethesda, Maryland October 20, 1980

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MEMO TO THE FILE 9/12/80 2:00PM

Demetrios Basdekas telephoned. He stated that he has [either information or opinion] not consistent with the staff position on certain issues in the TMI-1 proceeding. He stated that he works with the [Office] of Reactor Safety Research, Instrumentation Control Power Systems Branch, and that his [information or opinion] relates to that subject matter. He has been unable to discuss this with Mr. Tourtellotte [I think he indicated that he had a preliminary discussion with Mr. Tourtellotte] and wanted to know if I could advise him how to present his [information or opinion].

I stated that he has come to the right person if his [information or opinion] relates to the scope of the TM.'-1 restart hearing (he said it does) but that I know from a recent conversation with Mr. Tourtellotte that he is very busy this week. I told him that I had no reason to believe that Mr. Tourtellotte would not present his views at the hearing and that his first approach should be with Mr. Tourtellotte. I stated that if he cannot contact Mr. Tourtellotte, Mr. Cutchin of the NRC staff is working in this proceeding also and that I believed that Mr. Cutchin would understand and perform responsibly. Mr. Basdekas stated that he knows Mr. Cutchin, has confidence in him, and that he, Mr. Basdekas, had not known that Mr. Cutchin was assigned to the case.

I told Mr. Basdekas that the subject matter of instrumentation control power was one of interest to the board and that we want to know about his concerns. I told him that if he cannot arrive at a satisfactory arrangement with Mr. Tourtellotte or Mr. Cutchin that he should call me. Then, on second thought, I told him that I want him to inform me that he has satisfied his concerns with the staff counsel; that unless I hear from him further one way or the other, I would seek him out. He stated that he understands, and agrees, and would contact me in any event. I told him that the board would arrange for a presentation of his [information or opinions] in a comfortable, non-threatening setting.

(signed) Ivan W. Smith