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U. S. Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Gentlemen:

I am a resident of Florida and get my electricity from Florida Power Corporation. Last February the Florida Power Crystal Plant which was built by Babcock & Wilcox was shut down when power failure resulted in the spill of 43,772 gallons of radio active water inside reactor containment building. Since then there has been modifications and re-fueling. Now after 5½ months The Crystal River Plant is now operating.

I just returned from a visit to Eastern Pennsylvania where I have relatives and friends receiving their electricity from Metropolitan Edison Company. They cannot understand and neither can I why your Commission does not release the undamaged Unit I at The Three Mile Island for service. It is costing Met. Ed. untold millions of dollars to buy electricity to supply this area with electricity and the cost is passed on to the consumers. This Unit I was supposed to go into service January 1st, 1980, then it was pushed up to May, now it is January 1, 1981. It is unfair to the consumers in this area to be dragging your feet on this issue.

You released Florida Power Corporation Crystal River Plant after 5½ months and it had a malfunction, and still there sits Med. Ed. Three Island Unit I which has never had any operation trouble sitting idle. I can't understand your reasoning.

I am making an appeal for my relatives and friends in this area to review the situation and the date for starting Unit I.

Sincerely,

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