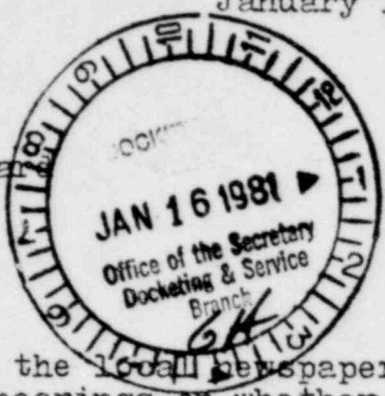


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Dear Commissioners:

I was appalled to read in the local newspaper that you only recently have started to hold hearings on whether GPU should be allowed to reopen Unit 1 of the Three Mile Island complex and that it might take you more than six months to reach a decision.

I am one of the many thousands of retired people on a fixed income who is a customer of GPU and stockholder. Your procrastination is affecting our livelihood on both the income and expense sides and, along with the Government's inability to stop the devaluation of our money, is producing intolerable situations.

There is no question that to have the energy we need we must make use of our existing nuclear facilities. The failure to do so subjects us even more to the whims of the foreign oil producing nations and their ability to cripple our supplies and increase our prices. The planning of so many years to rely on nuclear power cannot be reversed with a snap of the fingers.

I drive a car daily and do many things around my home. Both activities are among our biggest accident sources and killers, but we don't let ourselves get so paranoid that we don't do them. Hopefully we drive defensively and don't stick our fingers or toes under the lawnmower. We have to use nuclear power with the same rationality, safely, but use it. Practically nothing we do is riskless.

If you let GPU or any of it's subsidiaries go bankrupt, you will be destroying the electrical utility industry in this country. Who is going to buy stock in or loan money to an industry that is also subject to such a national regulatory group? Last year I sold a small bond holding in the Washington Public Power Supply System for exactly that reason.

Certainly the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has to share the burden of whatever condition the nuclear utilities are in. The fact that the Commission may be self conscious over that condition should not render them unable to make hard unemotional decisions that must be made.

I urge you to rapidly proceed with the relicensing of Unit 1. The welfare of the majority of the residents of the GPU area requires it.

Sincerely yours,
Eldon M. Dixon
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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) * upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.712 of 10 CFR Part 2 - Rules of Practice, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Dated at Washington, D. C. this

19th day of Jan 19 81

Peggy T. Downing
Office of the Secretary of the Commission

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