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J. F. Ahearne, Chairman
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Washington, D. C. 20555

Re: Docket 50-289 SP

Dear Mr. Ahearne:

Unit Number 1 of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant has been shutdown for almost two years. The purpose of this letter is to request that you do everything in your power to get TMI-1 restarted promptly.

How Shutdown of TMI-1 Affects Me

Each day that TMI-1 remains shutdown means that electricity that it would have generated must be generated by another source. If that source is coal, natural gas or oil, CO₂ is being generated which adds to the CO₂ generated by other fossil fuel burning. Together all CO₂ sources, by means of the "Greenhouse effect," may some day create a high enough temperature on earth to change the climate drastically and perhaps catastrophically for millions of humans, including me. Also, I fear for our children if that happens.

If that source is foreign oil, the U.S. balance of payments is adversely affected, the dollar may drop on foreign markets of foreign goods are more expensive for me to buy. I don't like that situation.

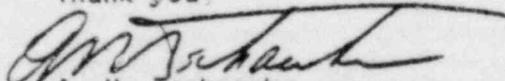
Why I think TMI-1 should be restarted

TMI-1 was not damaged during the problems at TMI-2. Other nuclear power plants similar to TMI-1 remained operating after the TMI-2 incident. "Fixes" for those other plants were permitted by the NRC without the necessity of shutting them down for almost 2 years, as has been forced on TMI-1 by the NRC.

My judgment of NRC actions against General Public Utilities (GPU)

I think the NRC is trying to make GPU wrong for the TMI-2 accident and is acting in the TMI-1 shutdown so as to punish GPU. In my experience such action does not work well. Besides, GPU has already been severely financially punished as a result of the TMI-2 accident. I trust the NRC in some part shares my experience and will now work to assure TMI-1 startup instead of further spanking the perceived bad boy.

Thank you


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