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Mr. John Ahearne, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555.

Dear Mr. Ahearn:

We view as incredulous the request of General Public Utilities for authority to place Unit One of "Three Mile Island" into operation. The events at TMI have been followed closely by us and it appears that the forces which caused the accident at Unit Two are still present. The last reports we have seen are that nine years will now be required to clean-up Unit Two.

We also read that there is presently a thirty five per cent unused generating capacity of electric plants; that they are operating at only sixty five per cent of capacity and supply current needs. There would appear, therefore, to be no urgency in starting up Unit One.

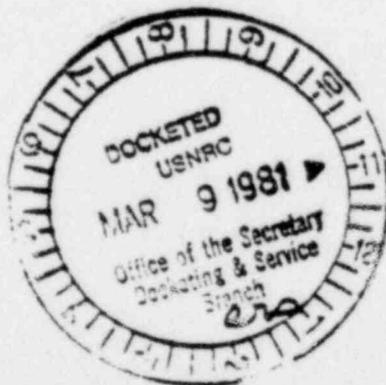
Nuclear generating plants will be obsolete by the turn of the century, in my opinion. The problems of coal will be solved by that time, and every plant in the Nation could be fired with wood chips or pelleted wood within five years if a renewable planting of a new species of tree were made.

The Federal government has subsidized the nuclear power industry to the extent of 37 billion dollars during the last thirty years, yet the existing plants supply only nine per cent of our needs.

For the sake of the people in the area of TMI, and the people in the entire Nation, I beg that the authority to start up Unit One be denied.

Respectfully,

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