

# Take Action

## SPECIAL EDITION...

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Dear Mr. A HEARNE,  
Let's get your Commission  
center and get moving  
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Dear Shareholder

Either we can be elegant like John Donne: "Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee," or we can be inelegant like Lyndon Johnson: "Don't spit in the soup: We all have to eat from the same bowl." The point is our sister utility at Three Mile Island is in trouble and needs all the support we can give.

It is a fact that Three Mile Island Unit 1, now closed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, was not involved or damaged in the accident at TMI Unit 2 in March 1979. Moreover, a poll taken last spring in cities near TMI indicated that 58 percent of the residents favored restarting the undamaged reactor.

Unfortunately, the US government has decided to stop the operation of TMI-1, the undamaged unit, during modification. Yet similar nuclear plants elsewhere are operating while being modified!

For this reason, we believe the government decision to keep TMI closed is discriminatory and irrational.

Since the incident, the US electric power industry has responded quickly and forcefully to correct inadequacies indicated by the accident. Those corrections have been and are now being made at the undamaged unit. As a result, this unit, like plants elsewhere, is even safer than it was before it closed for routine inspection and refueling way back in 1979.

The government's decision to keep the undamaged unit closed, then, is not only discriminatory and irrational but unjustified as well.

And it's costing both Metropolitan Edison and its customers nearly \$500,000 a day! That is, \$500,000 daily to purchase more expensive coal and oil instead of uranium for use as fuel.

The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has begun hearings to decide whether TMI-1 should be restarted. A tremendous show of support for TMI-1 in

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particular and nuclear energy in general would enable our elected officials and the NRC to view TMI-1 in realistic perspective.

They need to be told that

- o nuclear power is safe, inexpensive and needed;
- o TMI-1 is different from TMI-2;
- o TMI-1 has been modified;
- o the NRC has waited too long to decide the fate of TMI-1;
- o TMI-1 needs to be restarted without further delay.

If you agree and want to TAKE ACTION, contact the NRC and members of Congress, referring to Docket 50-289SP, TMI-Unit 1, Middletown, PA. And, send a copy of your letter to Friends and Family of TMI, a group that supports TMI and all forms of energy.

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