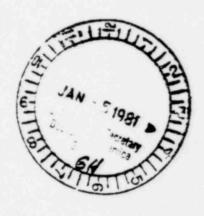
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December 29, 1980

Mr. John F. Ahearne Chairman Commissioner U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 "H" Street NW Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Ahearne:

Subject: Docket 50-289SP TMI - Unit 1

Middletown, PA

I strongly urge you to allow the prompt restarting of TMI Unit 1. Unit 1 was not involved in or damaged by the accident of Unit 2. Other power plants have been allowed to operate while making modifications, why do you discriminate gainst TMI Unit 1? Met Ed needs to operate Unit 1 to relieve its very serious financial condition. The electric consumers of Met Ed need the economic benefit of the lower cost electricity that Unit 1 could be producing if you would only permit.

This country needs <u>all</u> of its energy resources to help reduce our dangerous and expensive dependence on imported oil. Don't you agree? I urge you to allow a prompt restart of the TMI Unit 1 power plant.

Sincerely,

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