UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-289

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY, ET AL.

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND GRANT OF EXEMPTION

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 60 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-50, issued to Metropolitan Edison Company, Jersey Central Power and Light Company, and Pennsylvania Electric Company (the licensee) for operation of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (the facility) located in Londonderry Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. The amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

The amendment revises the Technical Specifications to permit irradiation of the facility's reactor vessel surveillance specimens at Crystal River Unit No. 3. In connection with this action, the Commission has granted an exemption to the provisions of Appendix H to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 50. Appendix H requires the irradiation program to be performed within the facility's vessel or at the same site for multi-reactor sites.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

As set forth in the Commission's letter to the licensee dated January 22, 1981, the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of the amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR \$51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement, or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of the amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the licensee's application for amendment dated April 11, 1980 and the licensee's request for exemption dated July 9, 1980, (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated January 22, 1981, (3) Amendment No. 60 to License No. DPR-50, and (4) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, Box 1601 (Education Building), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. A copy of items (2), (3) and (4) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 22nd day of January 1981.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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