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Clear Regulatory Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We are shareholders in General Public Utilities as are many other retired people; many of whom were quite dependent on the income from their holdings. Not only have they suffered loss of dividends, their investment dollars have shrunk by more than 75%.

While this does not imply that your commission was wholly responsible for the accident, the delay in constructive action to resolve the situation is incomprehensible.

Presumably the members of the commission were selected because of their nuclear knowledge and sound reasoning ability. The logic by which TMI-1 has been kept shut down while numerous other Babcock & Wilcox systems of either identical or nearly identical configuration are permitted to continue operation is completely outside the bounds of reason. It is understandable that shut-down action on TMI-1 followed the problem on TMI-2. However, once it was determined that TMI-1 was in no way damaged, it should have been restored to service as soon as possible to prevent further deterioration of GPU's situation. One could easily reach the conclusion that the situation is being handled on a political basis rather than a sound technical and business approach.

I fully realize that this lonely letter will have no impact on the situation but I feel better for having put it on paper. I believe I am entitled to an explanation of why TMI-1 remains down while other identical or near identical plants have never been required to shut down.

Yours very truly,

cc:

Senator Alan Cranston
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