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RE: TMI-1 Restart, Docket No. 50-289

Dear Members of the Board:

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On Wednesday, April 22, I received Supplement 3 to the SFR for the TMI-1 Restart. Supplement 3 is approximately an inch thick and represents the Staff's evaluation of the status of Met Ed's compliance with the short and long-term items contained in the Commission's Order of August 9.

This morning I received a copy of two additional documents, the Staff's SER's for items contained in Enclosure 1 to NUREG-0737 and for items contained in NUREG-0694, outside of the scope of the Commission's Orders but required for restart.

My understanding had been that these documents would be offered into evidence by a staff witness who would be available for cross-examination probably the week of May 12. contrast, parties wishing to cross-examine on the yet-to filed staff submission on environmental qualification will be required to file a cross-examination plan within 5 days of receiving the submission in order to claim their right to question a staff witness. HARMON & WEIS3 April 24, 1981 Page 2

> Mr. Brenner telephoned me yesterday and suggested that this procedure may be changed, or that my understanding might be incorrect, but he could not specify any details. Although I do not know whether the Board is seriously considering this (and frankly find it most difficult to believe), UCS would object in the strongest possible way to the introduction into evidence of these new Staff SER Supplements and SER's before we have even had a reasonable chance to review them and determine whether cross-examination is necessary. We need a minimum of one week from today, that is, until May 1, 1981, to review the documents.

Therefore, if it is necessary, I request the Board to treat this as an objection to the admission into evidence of the Staff documents identified above at least until UCS has been given the opportunity to review them and report to the Board. We could file such a report on May 1, 1981.

Very truly yours,

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY, et al.,

(Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1)

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