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Mr. John F. Ahearne Chairman Commissioner U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 "H" Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ahearne:

In view of the fact that Unit 1 of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant of Metropolitan Edison Company was not damaged during the accident at Unit 2, it would seem to me to be in the best interest of the company and the nation to return Unit 1 to service.

I would respectfully ask that you do whatever is possible to return this unit to public service as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Ralph C. Mitchell, III

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