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> Mr. John F. Ahearne uclear Regulatory Commission H Street, N.W. Wasnington, D. C. 20555

Subject: Docket 50-289SP TMI - Unit 1 Middletown, PA

Dear Mr. Ahearne:

I think you will agree that at a time when inflation is robbing people of much of their purchasing power, the unnecessary shut down of Three Mile Island Unit 1 is adding to the burden of customers served by Metropolitan Edison Company.

It is our understanding that they are having to pay an inordinate amount - \$400,000 a day - for replacement power that could easily be provided by the sound nuclear unit at TMI. We join with the Friends & Family of TMI in urging that you do whatever is possible to expedite the return of this unit to full operation status.

Sincerely,

Copies to Area Congressional Delegation Friends and Family of TMI

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