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Before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board

In the Matter of METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY (Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1)

Docket No. 50-289 SP

(Restart)

LICENSEE'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND PAGE LIMITATION WAIVER

By letter to the Appeal Board dated October 14, 1982, Licensee noted that it had received four different appellant briefs to which it would respond in one consolidated pleading. The letter further noted Licensee's intention to file its responsive brief within the normal period allowed by the Commission's regulations (10 C.F.R. § 2.762(b)) and the 70-page limitation on appellate briefs (<u>see</u> 10 C.F.R. § 2.762(e)). It is now apparent that with the best of intentions, these goals cannot be met.

Licensee is responding to a total of some 170 pages of appellant briefs. Although some of the same subject matters are addressed in portions of more than one of appellants' briefs, the arguments seldom are the same and our response must deal with each of their arguments. Moreover, appellants' briefs vary greatly in format; it is frequently difficult or impossible to link appellant arguments to previously filed

exceptions. Because of the different and at times confused organization in appellants' briefs, our own efforts to organize the various arguments for response in a consolidated brief have been considerable, and more time consuming than we had anticipated. Additionally, we have by necessity needed to devote time to preparations for the oral presentations to the Commission, scheduled for November 9, 1982, and can foresee additional conflicts of time for this effort.

The Appeal Board earlier granted each of the appellants a 10-day extension in their briefing period, noting when it did so, inter alia, that appellants had the Licensing Board's initial Partial Initial Decision for many months in which to work on related portions of their briefs. Appeal Board Order of September 10, 1982, at 5-8. Licensee necessarily had to await appellants' briefs before any drafting of its responsive brief could begin.

Based on our present draft of the majority of the responsive brief, we anticipate that the completed draft will be about 150 pages. The present draft has been prepared mindful of the 70-page limitation and with a desire and intent to abide by that limit, if at all possible, consistent with a meaningful product. It is not realistic to expect that the draft can be reduced appreciably.

For the foregoing reasons, and in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.762(e), Licensee requests that it be granted a waiver of the prescribed page limit to allow Licensee to file a 150-page

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consolidated responsive brief, and that the time for filing such brief be extended to November 15, 1982. No prejudice to any other party is apparent; however, Licensee has advised counsel for the Staff of this request in view of its effect on the normal additional time the Staff is allowed to file its appellate briefs beyond that accorded other parties. See 10 C.F.R. § 2.762(a), (b).

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing LICENSEE'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND PAGE LIMITATION WAIVER was served this 27th day of October, 1982, by hand delivery to those persons on the attached Service List with an asterisk (*) preceding their names, and by deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to each of the other persons listed on the attached Service List.

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