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In the Matter of

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY, ET AL.

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

Docket No. 50-289 - SP

ORDER

September 24, 1982

On September 10, 1982, we issued an order that, among other things, denied without prejudice TMIA's motion for an enlargement of the page limitation on briefs from 70 to 140 pages. We noted that if, after making reasonable efforts to meet the 70-page limit, TMIA still found it necessary to request a waiver of the page limit, it could so move.

TMIA has now submitted such a request. It states that it has written approximately two-thirds of its brief in draft form, that the draft is approximately 70 pages, and that it has already eliminated some discussion of certain issues. It also notes that it has only about a week in which to complete, edit, type, and reproduce the brief

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before filing. Given that time constraint, TMIA argues that enlarging the page limitation to 100 pages is necessary.

We grant TMIA's motion. $\frac{1}{}$ We believe that TMIA has made a sincere and diligent effort to refine its arguments in support of the numerous exceptions it filed. Accordingly, it has established good cause for an enlargement of the 70-page limit on briefs. See 10 CFR 2.762(e).

TMIA's motion for a 30-page waiver of the limitation on briefs is granted.

It is so ORDERED.

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FOR THE APPEAL BOARD

C. Jean Shoemaker

Secretary to the Appeal Board

Dr. Buck did not participate in this order.

1/ The NRC staff has orally advised us that it does not object to TMIA's motion. Because of the imminent filing date for TMIA's brief, we have ruled on the motion before awaiting replies from the other parties.