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Victor Stello, Jr.  
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Stello:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit 2 (TMI-2)  
License No. DPR-73  
Docket No. 50-320  
Investigation Report No. 50-320/79-10

Your letter of October 25, 1979 and its appendices identified a number of "apparent items of noncompliance" and proposed the imposition of civil penalties. The appendices state that Metropolitan Edison Company, within 20 days of its receipt of the letter, is required to submit a written statement or explanation of the violations charged and either pay the proposed penalties or file a written answer. Metropolitan Edison received your letter on October 25, 1979.

Metropolitan Edison respectfully requests a twenty-day extension for submitting its written statement or explanation concerning the charged violations and either paying the proposed penalties or filing a written answer. The reasons supporting this request are the substantial number of violations charged, the enormous factual record which should be reviewed in preparing the answer (including the massive amounts of information compiled by the NRC and other investigations), the time which is needed to study and evaluate the report of the President's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island, and the significant effort which will be needed to respond to the November 1, 1979 order by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission that Metropolitan Edison show why its certificate of public convenience and necessity should not be revoked.

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For all these reasons, Metropolitan Edison believes that a limited extension of time would be appropriate. Without such an extension, the Company may not be able to fully respond to the matters raised in your October 25, 1979 letter. With the extension Metropolitan Edison's responses would be filed on December 4, 1979.

Very truly yours,

Signed by R. C. Arnold  
R. C. Arnold  
Senior Vice President  
Metropolitan Edison Company

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