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> In the Matter of Metropolitan Edison Company (Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit No. 1) Docket No. 50-289 SP

Gentlemen:

During the remanded hear. on the Dieckamp mailgram issue, Licensee referred to a statement in NUREG-0600

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concerning offsite and onsite radiation measurements. Tr. 30,420-22. Licensee intended to rely on this statement to demonstrate, if necessary, that any 3mR/hr reading of which Walter Creitz learned prior to 11:00 a.m. on March 28, 1979, must have been an onsite reading. 1/ The pertinent part of NUREG-0600 stated:

Radiation levels measured by land-based onsite and offsite teams first began to increase at 1020 on March 28, with an onsite team in the North Parking lot reporting a radiation level of 3mR/hr.

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Offsite radiation levels reported during this period, with the exception of 50 mR/hr measured at 1548 on PA Route-441 about 1500 feet south of northgate . . ., were not above background until 2238 when a radiation level of 13 mR/hr was measured near Kunkel School (5.6 mi. n.w.).

NUREG-0600, JME 1(c)(62) at II-3-81.2/

In preparing Reply Findings, Licensee noted a discrepancy between this statement and Table II-C-1 in NUREG-0600, which records several above background offsite readings after 11:00 a.m. but long before 1548 or 2238 on March 28th. Licensee then reviewed the accident radiation survey log for the 28th and

In its proposed findings, TMIA has attempted to establish that before addressing the PaPUC on the day of the accident, Mr. Dieckamp was informed by Mr. Creitz of a 3mR/hr offsite radiation level that allegedly had been measured before 11:00 a.m. Thus, Licensee found it necessary to address this issue in its Reply Findings. See Licensee's Reply Findings, dated February 25, 1985, ¶¶ 30-35.

The Report of the Special Inquiry Group similarly stated, "Measured offsite radiation levels generally remained below background levels except for a reading of 50mR/h at 7:48 p.m. on the road east of Unit 2 near the Observation Center." Report of the Special Inquiry Group, Vol. II, Part 3, at 868.

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determined it confirms the NUREG-0600 Table that in fact levels above background were detected offsite shortly after 11:00 a.m. The radiation survey log3/ is attached for the Board's information.

It still remains Licensee's position that any 3mR/hr radiation level of which Mr. Creitz learned prior to 11:00 a.m. on the 28th was an onsite level. However, Licensee does not wish to cite a statement in NUREG-0600 that appears to be inaccurate in other respects, or for the Board to be misled. Accordingly, Licensee in its Reply Findings (LIC Reply 32) cites Table II-C-1 of NUREG-0600. This table is in evidence, although it was not noticed for citation by Licensee during the hearing.

In addition, Licensee takes the opportunity to alert the Board and parties to several additional references to the Joint Mailgram Exhibit which were not noticed for citation during the hearing. Licensee found it necessary to cite these references to reply to TMIA's "time gap" theory (TMIA PF 200-202) -- an argument which TMIA raised in its findings. These citations are JME 1(c)(67) at 17, JME 1(c)(62) at I-A-89 and I-A-103, and JME 1(c)(10) at 21. The citations appear at LIC REPLY 39.

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Attachment cc: Service List

This log was produced during discovery, and the second page of the log was admitted into evidence as part of TMIA Mailgram Exh. 32B. The radiation readings of interest here, however, appear on the first page. Because the first page of the log is not in evidence, Licensee has not relied on it in its Reply (even though it may be the best evidence on this point).

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