

Docket No. 50-289

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Mr. R. E. Neidig
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Dear Mr. Neidig:

This is in reply to your request, dated July 19, 1967, for an exemption from the provisions of Section 50.10(b), 10 CFR Part 50 of the Commission's rules, pursuant to Section 50.12 of the rules, to permit the performance of certain work at the site of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit 1 prior to the issuance of a construction permit by the Commission.

You state that the pouring of concrete for the tendon access gallery, which will be located below the main containment mat, must be authorized before you can proceed with certain other pre-construction work such as pouring the concrete mud mat to provide a working surface in the bottom of the reactor building excavation and the placement of reinforcing bars for the reactor building base slab. You further state that scheduling of the construction of the gallery is important to permit adherence to your schedule for completion of the plant.

We have carefully reviewed your request described in your July 19th letter, for an exemption under the provisions of Section 50.10(b) and the reasons set forth in support thereof, and have concluded that the granting of the proposed exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby authorizes you to construct the tendon access gallery for Unit 1 at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station site, as requested in your letter of July 19, 1967, prior to the issuance of a construction permit.

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I wish to emphasize that the granting of this exemption shall have no bearing upon the subsequent granting or denial of a construction permit for the proposed Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit 1, and any work performed pursuant to this exemption shall be performed entirely at the risk of Metropolitan Edison Company. Furthermore, the granting of this exemption does not constitute an approval of the type or adequacy of the method of its installation.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Harold L. Price

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