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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
STANLEY C. VAN NESS  
PUBLIC ADVOCATE

August 6, 1979

The Honorable Joseph Hendrie, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
MATOMIC Building  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20555

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Dear Mr. Hendrie:

I am writing to express this Department's concern with the procedures, recently reported in the newspapers, which will apparently be used to determine when and whether to restart Three Mile Island Unit I (TMI I).

The published reports suggest that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) may be embarking on a hearing process which will last for 15-18 months. I understand that this treatment of TMI I is the same procedure used relating to the approval of a new nuclear power plant. It is also my understanding, that although there are no existing regulations vis-a-vis the circumstances surrounding TMI I, the NRC does have discretion to set up a different hearing schedule than presently planned.

Our Department's concern is two-fold. First, and foremost, our overriding concern is safety. As one who has represented intervenors in various NRC proceedings such as those involving floating nuclear plants, we strongly believe that determinations of safety questions must be based on a fully developed record with adequate opportunity for cross-examination.

Secondly, our Department must also be concerned with the financial impact on ratepayers which will result from any unnecessary delay in hearings on TMI I. I am advised that it will cost New Jersey consumers \$6 million extra a month for the purchase of replacement power resulting from the shutdown of TMI I. Company officials from Jersey Central Power & Light have publicly stated that the TMI I plant could be fully operational by January 1, 1980.

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We do not believe that any action should be taken even if it would result in considerable savings to New Jersey consumers, if such action will compromise the safe operation of the plants. Our concern is that if the plant and its operations can be modified in light of the lessons learned from the accident at TMI II so as to operate in conformity with appropriate safety standards, the sooner this is done the better. This is a plant which has been in service for several years, and its continued availability has been assumed for purposes of short-termed system planning. As a result, trying to find replacement power on what is, in effect, the spot market, is particularly difficult and expensive.

From the information available to us, it would appear that of the present NRC schedule covering 15-18 months, only 60 days will be devoted to actual hearings. In light of this low ratio of hearing dates to the time allotted before a decision will be rendered, we would strongly recommend that this schedule be reviewed and revised. The tentative NRC schedule calling for 180 days between the announcement of and the initial hearings seems to be an example of unnecessary delay.

Our Department would welcome a more expeditious hearing schedule. If more time is needed to insure the adequate consideration of safety questions, it should be dictated by the content of the hearings themselves and not an arbitrary hearing schedule.

We would appreciate your consideration of these views in the interests of both the safety of New Jersey and Pennsylvania citizens, and the financial hardship which will be caused by any unnecessary regulatory delay.

Sincerely,

Stanley C. Van Ness  
Public Advocate

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August 8, 1979

Honorable Joseph Hendrie, Chairman  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It is mandatory that Unit I at TLI go back "on-line" as quickly as possible. A two-year delay appears inexcusable, especially in light of the fact that Unit I operated nearly four years prior to the Unit II mishap in March.

We purchase power from Adams electric and this will increase our cost \$3.00 per 1,000 kilowatt hour. This will increase the cost of making feed for our local farmers \$926.70 per month and for a two year period an increase of \$22,240.80 estimated cost.

Thank you for your favorable opinion in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne D. Baker  
Executive Vice-President

cc: Honorable Bud Shuster



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August 2, 1979

Honorable Joseph Hendrie, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

I have been contacted by the Hamot Medical Center.

They are concerned by the threat that billings for the use of electricity will need to be increased if nuclear production facilities in the Harrisburg area are not placed back in service expeditiously.

I have been advised that studies and development of terms and conditions by the Commission must be resolved before adequate nuclear production is resumed.

I strongly urge that the requisite steps towards placing the Harrisburg facility back in operation be taken as soon as safety precautions permit.

Best Wishes.

Sincerely,

*R. Budd Dwyer*  
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# Bethlehem Mines Corporation

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August 6, 1979

Honorable Joseph Hendrie, Chairman  
of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717-H Street, Northwest  
Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Mr. Hendrie:

We would urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to allow Metropolitan Edison to put their Three Mile Island No. 1 Reactor back on line after they have made the necessary changes as outlined by Babcock and Wilcox. These changes would be the same changes that other Babcock and Wilcox nuclear stations have made, and these stations are now back in service. Therefore, we feel that Metropolitan Edison and Metropolitan Edison customers should have the benefit of the reduced cost of electric energy.

Sincerely,

BETHLEHEM MINES CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'W. H. Spooner'.

W. H. Spooner  
General Superintendent

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August 6, 1979

The Honorable Joseph N. Hendri, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Sir:

In the steel business, we are vitally concerned with the availability of electricity to manufacture the high grades of steel in our electric furnaces. Since we reside in the Metropolitan Edison area, we are dependent upon them solely as our source of power.

The Public Utilities Commission has placed a six months freeze on a Metropolitan Edison rate increase granted prior to the accident at Three Mile Island. Beyond the present, deliberations of the Public Utilities Commission and other bodies may have a far greater effect on the availability of electric power and therefore a far greater economic impact on our area and on the nation than may be apparent. We believe it is unwise to allow the Three Mile Island accident to blind us to economic reality. To destroy the utility company would serve no useful purpose, for sooner or later the cost must be paid and the service continued.

On the other hand, Metropolitan Edison is part of the private enterprise system and must bear its fair share of the blame for the accident. This means that Metropolitan Edison must be responsible for its failure to comply with the regulations and standard operating procedure. I dare say that this will cost them much more than they are willing to face up to at the moment.

In conclusion, we are proposing that Metropolitan Edison be allowed to continue in the nuclear power field, provided that they comply with the safety regulations as they may exist at this time. We do not want to have them pass on all their residual costs of buying power on the outside without suffering some of the anguish that we have already been through.

Respectfully yours,

*John M. Quinn*  
John M. Quinn, Chairman  
Executive Committee

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cc: Mr. Ernest H. Elliehausen,  
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August 6, 1979

Joseph M. Hendric, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H St. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Hendric:

We support Met-Ed and GPU's efforts to reopen TMI Unit 1. Nuclear energy is an indispensable energy source and cannot be eliminated from our total energy picture. With the present oil related energy crisis and its ever increasing costs, our ability to stay competitive and provide an economic future for our employees is threatened. We must meet this challenge by taking advantage of every energy resource we have in order to meet OPEC's threat to our nation's economy.

The accident at Three Mile Island was regrettable. Tremendous publicity has been focused here despite the fact no one was injured nor has there been any serious or harmful health hazard. To accede to some alarmists cries for permanent abandonment of nuclear energy would be indefensible. We must meet this challenge head on.

As our nation and the world runs out of fossil fuels we have to shift to other sources and to learn through our mistakes to control these sources. Many valuable lessons have been learned; let's put this knowledge to work.

Sincerely,

VF CORPORATION

John Cline

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cc: Mr. Ronald B. Weitz

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Chairman U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Comm.

DEAR MR CHAIRMAN,

PROMPT ACTION ON RETURN OF TMI TO SERVICE TO AVOID INCREASED ENERGY COSTS AND SAVE 7 MILLION BARRELS OF OIL PER YEAR, NUCLEAR GENERATION OF POWER IS THE SAFEST WAY TO PRODUCE ELECTRICAL ENERGY. MY REQUEST IS TO ALLOW THE NUMBER ONE REACTOR AT TMI TO GO INTO PRODUCTION IMMEDIATELY, PENDING INVESTIGATIONS AND HEARINGS.

SIGNED

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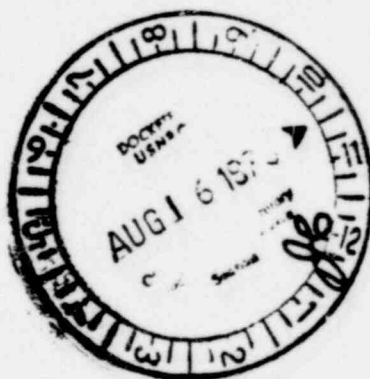
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