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BEFORE THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD
Ivan W. Smith, Esquire, Chairman
Dr. Walter H. Jordan, Member
Dr. Linda W. Little, Member

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In the Matter of :
: METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY :
: (Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, :
Unit No. 1) :

Docket No. 50-289

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO PARTICIPATE
AS AN INTERESTED STATE AGENCY BY THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Office of Consumer Advocate of the Department of Justice, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, empowered by the Pennsylvania Legislature by Section 904-A(a) of the Act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 177, No. 175), known as the Administrative Code of 1929, as amended by the Act of July 9, 1976 (P.L. 903, No. 161) to represent the interests of consumers before any court or agency in connection with any matter involving regulation by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission or corresponding regulatory agency of the United States, hereby petitions for leave to participate in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this petition the Consumer Advocate represents the following:

1. Any communication with respect to this Petition should be addressed to the following:

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2. The Consumer Advocate has determined in his discretion in accordance with Section 904-A-(b) of Act 161 that to protect the interests of the Commonwealth's consumers it is necessary to participate in the hearings before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board appointed by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission in its order of August 9, 1979.

3. The Consumer Advocate seeks to participate as an agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to 10 C.F.R. §2.715(c).

WHEREFORE, the Consumer Advocate of Pennsylvania respectfully requests that it be permitted to participate and be treated as a party to this proceeding with all rights appropriate to that status.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter W. Cohen, Consumer Advocate
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Date: August 15, 1979