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February 16, 1968

J. D. Bond, Esq.  
Chairman, Atomic Safety  
and Licensing Board  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20545

In the Matter of Metropolitan Edison Company  
Docket No. 50-289

Dear Mr. Bond:

Concerning the above captioned matter I am writing as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Dauphin County. The Board has received during the last year voluminous documentation involving The Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit No. 1.

In view of the nature of this project and its obvious importance, our Board would appreciate it if you would send a representative to explain the significance of the proposed plan to the County of Dauphin and its people.

Since it is not our intention to attempt to understand all of the ramifications of the program but only to learn how it affects our County, we would not anticipate that the conference would take more than perhaps one-half hour. The best time for our Board would be 10:00 A. M., some Monday, Wednesday or Friday in March or April. We would appreciate if you could give us alternate dates.

Yours truly,

*Walter B. Lang*  
Walter B. Lang, Chairman  
Dauphin County Commissioners

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

February 20, 1968

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Mr. Walter B. Lang, Chairman  
Dauphin County Commissioners  
P. O. Box 324  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108

Dear Chairman Lang:

Your letter of February 16, 1968 expressed the interest of the Dauphin County Commissioners in the proposed Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Station about which your Board has received voluminous documentation during the year. Your request that a representative of the Atomic Energy Commission explain the significance of the proposed plan is transmitted, by copies of your letter and of this reply, for consideration by the Director of Regulation. I hope you will understand the reasons for this referral which are briefly summarized below.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in this proceeding performs, for the Atomic Energy Commission and under the governing Federal laws and rules, the function of conducting prehearing conferences and hearings and of issuing an initial decision upon the application by Metropolitan Edison Company for a provisional construction permit for the projected facility. Under the Atomic Energy Act and the Administrative Procedure Act, and the Commission's rules in conformity with these statutes, our role is to conduct formal public proceedings and to exercise our decisional responsibility on the basis of the record so made. It appears to be consistent with these adjudicatory obligations that, except in the course of the duly notified public proceedings, we should refrain from expressing opinions or making statements about the applicant's proposal.

The Commission's Regulatory Staff, under the Director of Regulation, has extensive responsibilities in licensing atomic power plants. I am confident that your wish for more understanding of the proposed Three Mile Island plant will evoke helpful information from the Director of Regulation. Moreover, you or your representative are invited to attend the prehearing conference on March 29 to present such questions about the project as may remain unanswered. The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board and the parties will then endeavor to further the important objective of enlarging the public's understanding of the substantive and procedural steps through which the

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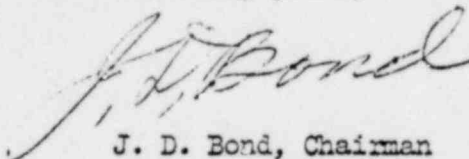
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Atomic Energy Commission carries out its licensing responsibilities. Notice of the time and place of that conference and of the hearing on April 10 has been sent to you by the Commission. If you wish a particular or extended time for presenting your statements or inquiries, our Board and the parties will try to adjust the prehearing and hearing schedules to accommodate you and the Dauphin County people whom you represent.

Your letter and a copy of this reply are being placed in the publicly available Docket record of this proceeding, and the interested parties will be duly notified. With copies of these letters the Director of Regulation is invited to respond further to your inquiry. Please be assured that the Board and the Commission appreciate your interest in this licensing proceeding.

Sincerely yours,



J. D. Bond, Chairman  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Copies, with Lang letter copies sent to:  
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