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Secretary of the Commission  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Attn: Docketing and Service Section

Gentlemen:

The Manufacturers' Association of York, Pa. and the York Area Chamber of Commerce, by joint action of our Boards of Directors, respectfully petition the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to take expedient positive action to assure start-up of the TMI-1 Unit. Both organizations are greatly disturbed and vitally concerned over the present delay in start-up following the March 28, 1979 accident of TMI Unit #2.

Our joint memberships comprise practically all the businesses, manufacturers, and commercial establishments in the County of York served by Metropolitan Edison. Further, these organizations represent the voices of many thousands of employees whose very livelihood depend upon the economic well being of their employer organizations.

Our request is based on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission being assured that all safety requirements would be satisfied according to the latest state of the art.

Without belaboring the statistics, which obviously establish the need for nuclear generation, and which will be revealed in fellow petitioner data, we are primarily concerned with:

- 1) The loss of the competitive advantage of TMI power costs due to the outside purchase of power by Met-Ed to supply industry and business needs,
- 2) The possibility of forced closure with loss of jobs if power costs continue to carry these added burdens, and
- 3) The loss of new business development opportunity because of excessive power costs in this Met-Ed region.

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With all the emphasis our joint organizations can muster, we call your attention to these basics, with the confidence you will conclude that our area can ill afford further delay, that we need this added source of electrical energy, and that positive conclusion to start-up TMI-1 is vital to the area's economy.

Very truly yours,

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