

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

August 13, 1979

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

BUD SHUSTER
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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July 31, 1979

Congressman Bud Shuster
Longworth House Office Building
Room 110
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Bud:

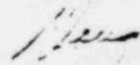
On behalf of the 14,000 members served by Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, I am writing concerning the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's proposed two year delay barring the continued operation of the Three Mile Island Unit One generating plant.

As you know the T.M.I. Unit One was off line for routine maintenance at the same time of the T.M.I. Unit Two incident, and has remained out of service since that time in spite of the fact that T.M.I. Unit One has provided essential electric power without evidence of hazard for 4½ years. Please note the differentiation between unit one and unit two, which is critical if the subject is to be evaluated objectively and practically.

The loss of economical electric power from T.M.I. has directly resulted in an additional cost of 2.8 mills/kwh or nearly 10% of our total wholesale power cost. Obviously, the cost to our members of an additional two years delay is enormous.

The members of Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, its Board of Directors and myself urge you to write or send a telegram to: Joseph Hendrie, U.S.N.R.C., Washington, D.C., 20555 for the purpose of encouraging the return to operation of Unit One of T.M.I. power station.

Cooperatively yours,


D. W. Smith
Manager

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