

September 17, 1979

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD



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

Docket No. 50-289

LICENSEE'S ANSWER TO PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE
BY PEOPLE AGAINST NUCLEAR ENERGY

Metropolitan Edison Company (Licensee) hereby submits its answer to the Petition for Leave to Intervene by People Against Nuclear Energy (Petitioner), dated September 14, 1979, and received by Licensee's counsel on September 17, 1979. In accordance with the Board's Memorandum and Order, dated August 31, 1979, Licensee's answer is confined to the adequacy of the petition from the standpoint of Petitioner's showing of interest and identification of the aspect or aspects of the proceeding as to which intervention is sought.

Licensee agrees that the petition adequately sets forth Petitioner's interest in the proceeding and the specific aspect or aspects of the subject matter of the proceeding in which Petitioner wishes to intervene.

Since the only aspects of the proceeding set forth in the petition relate to the psychological impacts associated with the resumption of operation of Three Mile Island Nuclear Station,

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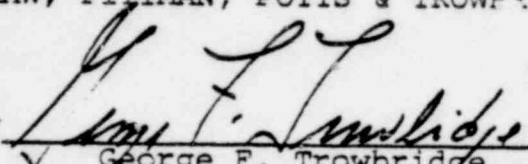
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Unit No. 1 and resulting impacts on the stability and health of the area, the Board's ultimate determination of the allowability of the petition must await the filing of contentions by Petitioner and resolution by the Commission, in accordance with the procedures specified in its Order and Notice of Hearing, dated August 9, 1979, as to whether the issues sought to be raised by Petitioner are legally relevant to this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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By


✓ George F. Trowbridge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "Licensee's Answer to Petition for Leave to Intervene by People Against Nuclear Energy," dated September 17, 1978, were served upon the following persons by deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, this 17th day of September, 1979.

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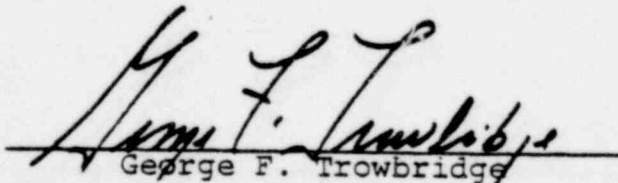
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