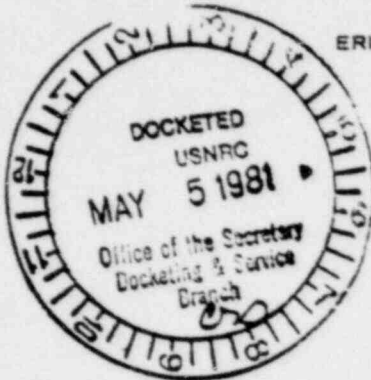


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Dear Sirs:

Why are you treating General Public Utilities so unfairly?

It is not necessary to use phrases such as "due process of law"--"even-handed justice" to argue the injustice of keeping the undamaged Unit No. 1 at Three Mile Island idle for over two years while allowing seven identical units to remain in operation.

Surely you are not trying to protect the public. Protecting the public would require that all seven of the identical units be shut down.

If you are trying to punish the crew of Unit No. 2, you are hurting the wrong people. You are increasing the costs not only at General Public Utilities, but throughout the entire electric utilities industry.

In this country, and I suspect in most other developed countries, when there is an accident or natural disaster, we first clean up and restore things to normal and then try to learn something from the accident. From Three Mile Island you could learn that your nuclear plants are so well constructed and so well safetied that the chances of physical damage are small. The financial damage could also have been kept small if prompt action had been taken.



Very truly yours,

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